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(may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

a.s./a: 'Alaih-is-Salām

r.a.: Radiyallāhu 'Anhu/'Anha  
(may Allah be pleased with him/her)

r.h.: Rahimahullāhu Ta'ālā  
(may Allah shower His mercy on him)

a.b.a.: Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā Bi-Nasrihil-'Azīz  
(may Allah support him with His mighty help)

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# The message of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, on the occasion of the 73rd Annual Convention of AMC, USA

Dear Members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā‘at USA

**As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh**

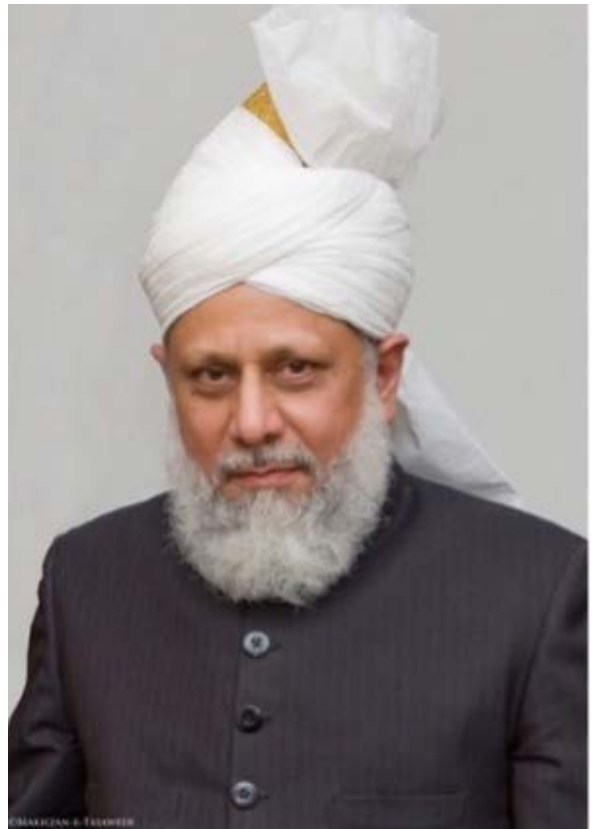
Allah Almighty has granted you the opportunity to convene your Jalsa Salana. As you are aware, and I have mentioned this many times during your functions, that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) came with two purposes, firstly to exhort mankind to fulfill the rights of Allah and secondly to fulfill the rights of His Creation. Therefore, you should direct your attention towards the worship of Allah, be of those who fulfill the obligations of His worship, and also fulfill the rights of others. It is vital that you emphasize these fundamental aspects of the teaching of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) during the Tarbiyyati programs which you routinely organize.

It is necessary for you to cultivate an atmosphere of love and affection among yourself and within the Jamā‘at, and for you to respect and take care of each other in the best manner.

In this regard, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated: “...you who are the community of the Promised Messiah, you yearn to join the community of the Companions (of the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him), must develop within yourselves the hue of the Companions; show obedience like them, show mutual love and brotherhood like them. In every aspect and in every quality, adopt a nature that is similar to the Companions.” [Malfūzāt pp. 41-42 (English translation vol. III)]

USA is a long-established Jamā‘at and comprises some Ahmadiis who are well-off and prosperous. They should consider it their obligation to render assistance to their less fortunate brothers.

In this regard, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated: “Allah Almighty has raised a new community of which the rich, poor, young, and old are all a part of. Thus, it is the duty of the poor to respect and value their honorable brothers, and it is the duty of the rich to help the poor and not consider them lowly and of little worth. That is because they are brothers with one another, even though their fathers are not the same but ultimately the spiritual father is the same for all and they are the branches of the same tree.”



(Malfūzāt, vol. III, pp. 348-349, 1985 UK)

Further, according to the command of Allah Almighty, financial sacrifices in the cause of Allah are always to be very much encouraged because they are crucial for the success of our programs and for the achievement of the objectives of the Jamā‘at.

Indeed, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has reminded us that: “Even the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, encountered the need for financial contributions to attend to religious needs.” (Malfūzāt, p. 208, English translation vol. 10)

So, these noble virtues should be inculcated among you, and the USA Jamā‘at should strive to advance and progress greatly in acquiring these pious qualities. May Allah enable us to do so.

I also wish to draw your attention to the importance of Tabligh. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated that we should devise programs and schemes for the propagation of Islam. This is a fundamental task and it is imperative that you attend to fulfilling your duty in this regard. The pioneer missionaries who arrived in the USA, focused greatly on Tabligh and many people entered the fold of the Jamā‘at through their efforts, but afterward unfortunately, their descendants were not able to follow them into becoming members of the Jamā‘at.

You should now consider it your responsibility to search for those descendants of the early Ahmadis and try to guide them back into the blessed fold of the Jamā‘at.

It is essential for every member of the Jamā‘at to offer some time for the purpose of Tabligh and strive for the preaching of Islam in the USA. Nothing can be achieved by mere lip service. When you organize these programs, each one of you will have to give your time. Until and unless all the men, young and old, and women are willing to sacrifice their time, this mission cannot be accomplished. Therefore, it is imperative that you seriously focus on trying to fulfill your preaching responsibilities.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has stated: “The duty of preaching is a position of lofty stature, and as it were, possesses within it the nature and grandeur of prophethood, provided that one does not neglect the fear of God. A person who exhorts others receives an opportunity to particularly reform their own selves as well because, in the least, it is necessary for a person to show others that they practice what they preach.” [Malfūzāt, p. 276 (English translation vol. II)]

May Allah enable you to follow this guidance. May Allah make your Jalsa successful in all respect and may all the participants benefit from the proceedings and thereby gain the immense blessings of Allah, the Almighty. May Allah bless you all.

Wassalam  
Your Sincerely,  
Mirza Masroor Ahmad,  
Khalifatul-Masih V

# **Guidance from the Holy Qur'ān**



**Calling to the way of  
Allah**

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ  
 وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ  
 ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٢٦﴾

Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in a way that is best. Surely, thy Lord knows best who has strayed from His way; and He knows those who are rightly guided. (16[An-Nahl]: 126) [English translation of the Holy Qurʾān by Maulawi Sher Ali]

## Commentary on (16[An-Nahl]: 126)

The word may be used in all these senses in the verse under comment. Taking it in the sense of “knowledge” or “science,” the verse would mean that Muslims should invite others to Islam by arguments based on knowledge and reason and should not confine themselves merely to making appeals to sentiments and emotions. Using it in the sense of “equity” or “justice,” the injunction embodied would be that, when arguing with the followers of other Faiths, Muslim preachers and missionaries should not bring forward such objections against those Faiths as can be advanced against Islam itself for such a course is not only in-consistent with justice but is also unsound. If *حكمة* be understood to mean “forbearance” or “clemency,” the verse would mean that Muslims should explain the beauties of their religion with patience. Taking the word in the sense of “a saying or discourse conforming or agreeable to the truth, and in accordance with the exigencies of the occasion,” the verse would mean, that while inviting other people to Islam Muslims should not say anything which is not true and is not in accordance with facts, for if they resorted to falsehood while preaching truth, they would be ruining their own souls in order to save those of others. Moreover, their discourse should be conformable to the exigencies of the occasion and should not wound other people’s susceptibilities. Taking the word in the sense of “gift of prophecy,” the verse would mean that Muslims should invite men to Islam by using arguments contained in the Qurʾān and not arguments that are the creation of their own fancy. Lastly, taking the word in the sense of “what restrains from ignorant behavior” the verse would mean that the talk of Muslims should not be beyond the comprehension of those to whom the appeal is made. They should say things that may help to resolve the doubts of others and not display or demonstrate their own talents and learning.

[The Holy Qurʾān with English Translation and Commentary (a.k.a. Five-Volume Commentary), Commentary on (16 [An-Nahl]: 126)]

# Guidance from the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> on preaching



عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ سَعْدٍ قَالَ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ لَعَلِّي

فَوَاللَّهِ لَأَنْ يُهْدَى بِكَ رَجُلٌ وَاحِدٌ خَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنْ حُمْرِ النَّعَمِ

Hazrat Sahl bin Sa'd relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to Hadrat Alira: "By Allah if Allah guides a single person through you, it is better for you than (the most precious) red camels." (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Jihad, Chapter: The invitation of the Prophet (May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to embrace Islam)



# On preaching

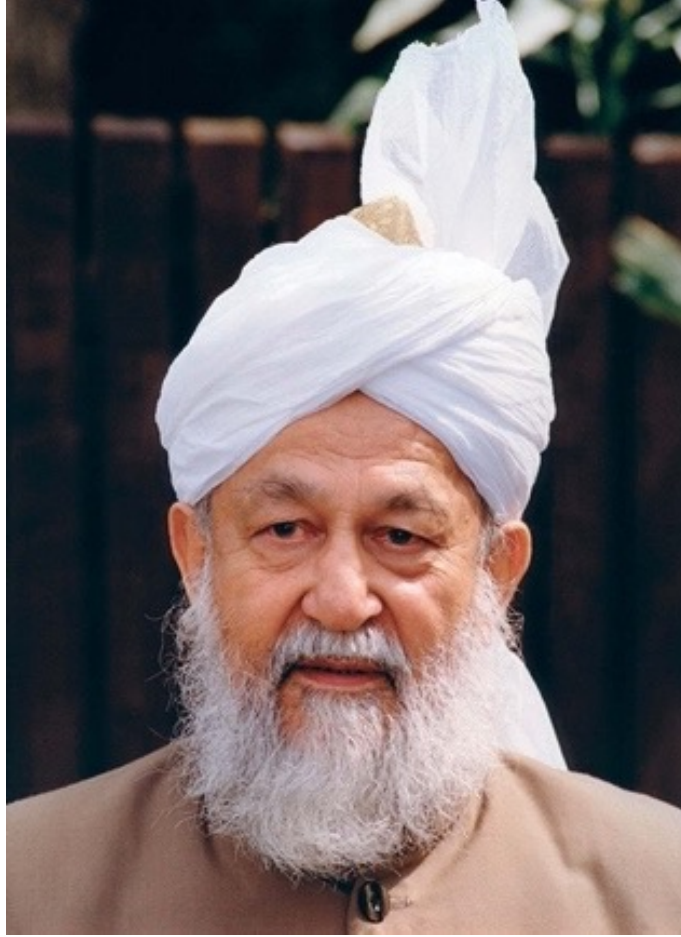
Guidance from the Promised Messiah, peace be upon him



ہمارے اختیار میں ہو تو ہم فقیروں کی طرح گھر بگھر پھر کر خدا تعالیٰ کے سچے دین کی اشاعت کریں اور اس ہلاک کرنے والے شرک اور کفر سے جو دنیا میں پھیلا ہوا ہے لوگوں کو بچالیں۔ اگر خدا تعالیٰ ہمیں انگریزی زبان سکھادے تو ہم خود پھر کر اور دورہ کر کے تبلیغ کریں اور اسی تبلیغ میں زندگی ختم کر دیں خواہ مارے ہی جاویں۔

“If it was in my power, I would go door to door like an ascetic and propagate the message of the True religion of God Almighty. And to save people of the earth from the widespread shirk (polytheism) and disbelief that is annihilating them. If God Almighty enables me to learn the English language, then I would myself go around visiting and preaching to such an extent as to devote my entire life to this preaching, even though I may face being killed in this cause.” (Translated from Malfūzāt, vol. 3. p. 90 (2016))

## Guidance from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, may Allah shower His mercy on him



ہر احمدی جس تک میری یہ آواز پہنچتی ہے وہ خود اپنا نگران بن جائے اور خدا کو حاضر و ناظر جان کر یہ عہد کرے کہ میں اس سال کے اندر اندر ایک احمدی ضرور بنانا ہے اور دعا کرے تو یہ کچھ مشکل امر نہیں۔ جب اللہ تعالیٰ کی تقدیر کوئی چیز آپ کو دینا چاہتی ہے تو ہاتھ بڑھا کر اس کو نہ لینا سخت ناشکری ہے۔

“Every Ahmadi who receives this message should become a guardian for himself, and, he should take a solemn vow before Almighty God, and promise that he will convert at least one person to Ahmadiyyat within one year. If he prays then this will not be difficult. When God is willing to bestow a favor upon you, it is the height of ungratefulness not to stretch your hand and receive it.” (Friday Sermon, September 27, 1985)

# Guidance from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper



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# Summary of Friday Sermons of Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V July 2023

May Allah support him with His mighty help

7 July 2023

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (may Allah be his Helper) said: "It is recorded that though the Muslims were outnumbered and were much less equipped, they had something which no other strength in the world can compete with, and that is a living faith. The first martyr in Islam was Hazrat Mahjah (may Allah be pleased with him), a freed slave of Hazrat 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) after being made the target of an arrow that trapped in his neck.

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V said: "A young man, Haritha bin Suraqah bin Harith (may Allah be pleased with him) was martyred in the Battle of Badr. His mother went to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and asked whether he knew what Haritha meant to her. She said that if he is in Heaven, she would remain patient. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said, "Your son is in Jannat al-Firdaus, the highest station in paradise."

Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V said that the companions fought with great valour. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) told his companions that whoever fought with patience and did not turn their back would enter paradise. Hazrat Humam (may Allah be pleased with him) expressed his amazement and wondered, "Is the only barrier between me and paradise being killed by these people?" After this, he took up his sword and valiantly fought until he was martyred.

Hazrat 'Abd-ur-Rahman bin Auf (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that during the Battle of Badr, he looked to his left and right and saw two young boys standing beside him. He wondered how these two would even be able to protect him. One of the boys whispered to him and asked for him to point out Abu Jahl so that he could kill him or be killed in the process. Then, the other boy on the other side whispered to him and asked the same question. He pointed Abu Jahl to both of them. They ran like lightning toward Abu Jahl to kill him. These two were Mu'adh and Mu'awidh (may Allah be pleased with them). One of them lost his arm in the battle.

## 14 July 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) continued with the events of the Battle of Badr. The Battle of Badr concluded, and Allāh brought the disbelievers to their ultimate fate. Among the disbelievers, seventy were killed, including many of their leaders and commanders.

The Holy Prophet (May Allah's blessings be upon him) kept his share equal to that of his Companions. The Companions set aside a sword for the Holy Prophet and also presented him with a camel that belonged to Abu Jahl. This sword and camel have been given significant importance. The name of this sword was "Dhul Fiqār." The Holy Prophet kept it with him for future expeditions. Similarly, that camel remained with the Holy Prophet (may Allah's blessings be upon him) until the Treaty of Ḥudaibiyah when he offered it as a sacrificial animal. While distributing the spoils of war, the Holy Prophet also gave a share to the heirs of the martyrs. Similarly, the deputies and other Companions who could not participate in the battle due to various responsibilities were also given a share. The prisoners of the Battle of Badr were exchanged for ransom.

In the end, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih led the funeral prayer of Nusrat Jahan Ahmad wife of the US missionary Mubashir Ahmad. Khalifatul-Masih said: In 1972, she moved to the USA with her family. She was blessed with the opportunity to serve the Jamā'at in Washington. In 1988, Mubashir Ahmad Sahib dedicated his life to the Jamā'at, and she supported him wholeheartedly. She was a pious and prayerful person and was devoted to Khilāfat and the Jamā'at.

## 21 July 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) described the kind treatment of the Holy Prophet (may Allah's blessings be upon him) with prisoners of the Battle of Badr and how the victory affected the opponents of Islam.

Sir William Muir admits to the kind treatment of prisoners in the following words:

"In pursuance of Mahomet's commands, the citizens of Medina, and much of the Refugees as already had houses of their own, received the prisoners, and treated them with much consideration. 'Blessings be on the men of Medina!' said one of these prisoners in later days: 'They made us ride, while they walked: they gave us wheaten bread to eat when there was little of it, contenting themselves with dates.' It is not surprising that when, sometime afterward, their friends came to ransom them, several of the prisoners who had been thus received, declared themselves adherents of Islam... Their kindly treatment was thus prolonged, and left a favorable impression on the minds even of those who did not at once go over to Islam." (The Life & Character of the Seal of Prophets, vol. 2 pp. 156-157)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) guided volunteer workers for the upcoming Jalsa Salana, UK. He said: all the volunteers should serve the attendees with this in mind that they are the guests of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).

## 28 July 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) talked about the arrangement of Jalsa Salana UK that is being held from 28 July to 30th July 2023. Officially. The first Jalsa in the UK was started in 1985 by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, may Allah shower His mercy on him and about five thousand attended. Now it is estimated that more than forty thousand shall attend.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih advised the volunteers to dedicatedly perform their duties. The shortcomings of the volunteers should be ignored. During the duties, it is important to safeguard five daily prayers. Those who are attending should remember that the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, said that our Jalsa is not like a festival. The Jalsa is held to better our spiritual, intellectual, and moral conditions and inculcate the love of God and the Holy Prophet in ourselves. During this gathering, we should listen to the complete proceedings of the Jalsa. The speakers prepare their speeches very diligently. During the break, we should also visit book stalls and exhibitions. There is a picture gallery that should also be visited. (Translated by the editor from Urdu Khutbah)

# Khilafat News



# Despite persecution, Ahmadis must focus on the essence of Eid-ul-Adha

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V delivers Eid-ul-Adha Sermon at Mubarak Mosque, Tilford, UK

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) arrived at the Mubarak Mosque on 29 June 2023 and led Eid-ul-Adha prayer and then deliver the sermon. He recited verse 38 of Surah al-Hajj:

لَنْ يَنَالَ اللَّهَ لُحُومُهَا وَلَا دِمَاؤُهَا وَلَكِنْ يَنَالُهُ التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْكُمْ ۗ كَذَٰلِكَ  
سَخَّرَهَا لَكُمْ لِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُمْ ۗ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

"Their flesh reaches not Allah, nor does their blood, but it is your righteousness that reaches Him. Thus, has He subjected them to you, that you may glorify Allah for His guiding you. And give glad tidings to those who do good."

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said: Eid-ul-Adha is also named the Eid of Sacrifice. Ahmadis in Pakistan have to sacrifice their sentiments too – Ahmadis truly know what it means to sacrifice one's life for Allah's sake. That's why spending on animals to sacrifice according to the commandments of Allah and the Holy Prophet, is a huge happiness and honor for Ahmadi Muslims. However, in Pakistan, Ahmadis cannot sacrifice animals on Eid-ul-Adha. The police and other authorities have – for many years – made particular efforts to ensure Ahmadis do not sacrifice any animals on Eid-ul-Adha and ensure intense punishments for any who do. Ahmadis, therefore, must go through severe fear and persecution. According to the law in Pakistan, Ahmadis are allowed to legally sacrifice animals within the four walls of their homes yet despite this, due to fear of enmity of clerics, police officers and others do not even allow this.



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said this persecution cannot last for long. Sooner or later they will come under the grip of Allah. However, for Ahmadis, they must convert their pain into fervent prayers. "Prayer has great power," Khalifatul-Masih emphasized. The heartfelt and fervent prayers of Hazrat Hajirah and Hazrat Ismael (peace be on them) and their trust in Allah caused a spring to gush forth from the ground and transformed a barren land into a city that ultimately became the center of Islam. Therefore, on Eid, we should not just focus on sacrificing an animal. The true essence of this sacrifice is to get Allah's pleasure and to attain Taqwa. When Hazrat Ibrahim (peace be on him) told Hazrat Ismael "In a dream, I have seen myself sacrificing you," in return, Hazrat Ismael said "O father, do that what you have been commanded" and both fathers and son were ready for the sacrifice for the sake of Allah. When we sacrifice an animal, we should also keep in mind that we are doing so for Allah's pleasure and to attain Taqwa, as did Hazrat Ibrahim and Hazrat Ismael.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said that Allah wants mankind to sacrifice in His way with all their powers and abilities. To exemplify this, sacrifices of animals have been put in place – however, their meat and blood do not reach Allah, rather, one's Taqwa or righteousness reaches Him. In other words, fear Allah so much as if you have died in His way. And as one sacrifice an animal with their own hands, in the same way – metaphorically – they should sacrifice themselves for Allah, meaning they should fear him and excel in Taqwa.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that vain and extravagant displays of sacrificing expensive animals are shown on TV channels in Pakistan. He said that on the one hand, there are economic struggles in Pakistan, and on the other, expensive animals are being sacrificed. If these people pay their due taxes with integrity and live a truthful life then the rise of costs in Pakistan would be curtailed. Without the fear of Allah – Taqwa – there is no hope, Khalifatul-Masih V said. If Ahmadis want to obtain the pleasure of Allah, then they must introspect and see their levels of Taqwa. If we have a good standard then Allah will reward us. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said we should all pray that Allah enables us to carry out the animal sacrifices of Eid and destroys the enemies' plans and that Allah grants us true Taqwa – the Taqwa that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) preached and that the Companions adopted and practiced; the very same Taqwa which the Promised Messiah revived and preached. If we do so, then the persecution and enmity against Ahmadiyyat will be destroyed.

He said that by Allah's grace, with the spread of Ahmadiyyat, Ahmadis also go to Hajj where they can, and fulfill their worship. However, all Ahmadis should also focus on their spirituality. They should inculcate absolute humility before Allah and as a result, they will be able to understand the religion that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) brought to this world. Otherwise, their faith will be a mere ritual they would be following from their elders. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said our enemies do not have true understanding of Islam, they are immersed in arrogance and the show of power as a result of which they persecute Ahmadis. They do this in the name of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) yet this shows they have no connection with the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

On the other hand, Khalifatul-Masih urged Ahmadis to bow before Allah and to show utmost humility before Him. It was the result of the humility and prostrations before Allah of Hazrat Ibrahim and Hazrat Hajirah (peace be on them) that resulted in the birth of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Ahmadi Muslims should follow this example as followers of the Promised Messiah. Whilst traversing the paths of Taqwa, we should try to understand the religion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). If Ahmadis do this, they will see the blessings of Allah.

Commentating on verse 38 of Surah al-Hajj, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said that we should focus on our actions and understand that through good deeds our sacrifices are accepted by Allah; good deeds mean those actions that fulfill the rights of Allah and the rights of His creation. One cannot persecute people and at the same time say they believe in Allah. Those who persecute in the name of Allah and His Messenger should keep in mind that the longer they can do this, the stronger Allah's punishment will be.

"Islam" means to be ready to sacrifice everything for Allah. But this sacrifice requires pure love and pure love requires true and perfect understanding. This is what Allah points towards in Surah al-Hajj verse 38 – that neither the meat nor the blood can reach Allah, rather the spirit in which this sacrifice is done reaches Allah. How blessed is the person who understands Allah's message?

The way to know if someone has reached the true understanding of Allah and has developed Allah's love and fear in their heart is that one is saved from every sin. Even if a sin is committed, a believer should immediately carry out istighfar and turn to Allah. A believer always has Allah's love in their heart, they always keep in mind that Allah is watching them, that Allah



knows the condition of their heart and such a believer desire that no act of theirs displeases Allah. The Promised Messiah said this condition is the true Islam that one should follow. Once one reaches this stage, they are ready to sacrifice everything for Allah; their every action is for Allah's sake. That was the true sacrifice of Hazrat Ismael. Merely sacrificing animals and eating their meat is not the true essence of Eid-ul-Adha. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said if we achieve the true essence of sacrifice, we will witness great blessings in our lives.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said Ahmadis should most definitely carry out animal sacrifices and there are still a few days of Eid left and those who wish to carry out these animal sacrifices can do so by contacting the Jamā'at. This animal sacrifice is a sunnah of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his Companions (Allah be pleased with them). The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) would even give sacrifices on behalf of poor Muslims. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said those living in well-off countries do not realize the happiness of those in poor countries when they receive meat from the sacrifices carried out on Eid. Many have not eaten meat for very long periods due to their poverty.

Speaking on the philosophy of sacrificing animals, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said that merely performing salat and fasting without their true purpose in mind and their essence brings no blessings and has no benefit. Yogis also exercise but these do not affect their spirituality. This is why Allah said that the meat and blood of the animals do not reach Him. Allah does not desire the shell; he desires the kernel. But why then is there an animal sacrifice in place? In response, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said that there is a need of physical interaction as well, which affects the soul. Both coincide with one another. Both physical and spiritual representations are required. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said the body affects the soul and therefore there are physical acts of worship. The body and the soul affect one another. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said if we replicate the condition of crying physically, then we will begin to cry naturally – this is the same with feelings of happiness.

In the end, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V asked all Ahmadis to pray for their spiritual conditions and an end to the persecution against Ahmadis – particularly in Pakistan, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, and Algeria, and for those in prison for their faith. Also, pray for the martyrs of Ahmadiyyat and their families, and that the ummah accepts Islam Ahmadiyyat and that all Ahmadis are ready for any sacrifice that is required from them. Amin. (Adapted from the report prepared by Al-Hakam)

# International News of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



# Missionary in-Charge inaugurates Bait-ul-Karim Mosque in Guinea-Bissau



Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Guinea-Bissau inaugurated the Bait-ul-Karim Mosque on 23 June 2023 in Kasini, approximately 350 km from the capital Bissau. The missionary-in-charge, Muhammad Ahsan Memon, presided over the formal inauguration ceremony. Among the attendees were the area's police commissioner and also a non-Ahmadi Imam, who had previously held unfavorable views towards the Jamā'at. The mosque has a capacity for approximately one hundred and sixty worshippers. (Zahid Ahmad Bhatti, Missionary, Guinea-Bissau)

# Sacrilege of an Ahmadi Mosque in Karachi, Pakistan



An Ahmadi place of worship was vandalized in Karachi's Drigh Road area, Amir Mehmood, a spokesperson for the Ahmadi reported. An FIR (First information report) had been submitted to the police. The spokesperson said around a dozen people had entered the place of worship at around 3:45 P.M. on 24 July 2023 and destroyed the minarets with hammers and put "hateful graffiti on the walls." He recalled that a few months ago, two places of worship in Saddar and Martin Quarters were vandalized. He said that FIRs were registered in both the cases but police had yet to inform them of the progress in either of them.

Separately, a press release from the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan spokesperson called on the government to provide security to the community's places of worship. Strongly condemning the incident, the spokesperson said the community's opponents had "crossed all limits of decency" and the "hate campaign against Ahmadis now knows no bounds." "As many as 10 Ahmadi places of worship have been attacked during the current year and so far, none of the aggressors have been held," the press release said. The spokesperson said Ahmadis were feeling "an extreme sense of insecurity" while living in their own homeland and the actions of hatemongers were ruining the country's international image. "It is high time that such hate mongers are put behind bars so they cannot undermine the fabric of religious harmony in the country any further." The spokesperson claimed that miscreants had "finalized plans to attack the Ahmadi places of worship" in various cities and towns across the country in Muharram, adding that announcements for such attacks were being openly made on social media platforms. The press release said it was the government's responsibility to arrange security for the community's worship places so miscreants were unable to harm them.

# Anti-Ahmadi drive invites UN bodies' ire

The drive against the Ahmadi community, which has become a regular feature in Punjab, is not only bringing a bad name to the country but also inviting the ire of UN bodies.

After a campaign last month to stop Ahmadis from offering sacrifice on Eid-ul-Adha, the latest drive launched against the community involves the demolition of the minarets of their places of worship. The drive is being spearheaded by the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).

A poster floated by the social media wing of the TLP in Sarai Alamgir, a town near Jhelum, said: "From Shaandar Chowk to the Qadiani Centre, all minarets will be demolished." The drive, the poster said, would commence at 10 A.M. on the 10th of Muharram (July 29) from the TLP's office in Sarai Alamgir.

On July 14, the TLP pressured police into demolishing minarets of an Ahmadi place of worship in Jhelum. The party's local chapter later announced that it would demolish minarets of all Ahmadi places of worship in the entire Jhelum district. Some of these sites are more than a hundred years old.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) expressed concern over the treatment of Ahmadis in Pakistan and asked the government to respond to allegations of violations of international law.

The OHCHR said in its letter: "We would like to bring to the attention of your Excellency's Government the information we have received concerning growing discrimination and rising incidents of hate speech and incitement to violence against the Ahmadi religious minority in Pakistan, including attacks against places of worship and other acts of intimidation."

The letter was submitted to Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

"We are deeply concerned about this series of violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority, which we have previously addressed in several communications that despite our requests for remedial actions from authorities, the safety of the Ahmadiyya minority continues to deteriorate." the OHCHR letter said.

## Ahmadis restrained to sacrifice animals on Eid-ul-Adha

According to the Dawn newspaper of Pakistan, multiple complaints were filed with Punjab's police to prevent the Ahmadi community from sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. In at least two complaints filed with the police, contending that Ahmadis can neither call themselves Muslims nor adopt Islamic rites. Another complaint was lodged with Jaranwala police on the same grounds restraining Ahmadis from sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. And "If they sacrifice animals, a case should be registered against them." A similar complaint was lodged with the police in Kotli (Azad Kashmir, Pakistan).

The letter, dated June 22, asked the Home Department Pakistan to issue directives for SHOs to take "all necessary and requisite preemptive and preventive measures to bound and restrain illegal use of Islamic rites on all three days of Eid-ul-Adha.

Meanwhile, a 2022 judgment of the Supreme Court, penned by Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, states that "to deprive a non-Muslim (minority) of our country of holding his religious beliefs, to obstruct him from professing and practicing his religion within the four walls of his place of worship is against the grain of our democratic Constitution and repugnant to the spirit and character of our Islamic Republic."

# Activities and News of US Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



# Nadine Maenza, President International Religious Freedom receives AMC Humanitarian Award at the 73rd Annual Convention, USA



Mr. Amjad Khan, National Secretary of Public Affairs introduced Nadine Maenza, President, International Religious Freedom Secretariat on the 2nd day of the 73rd annual convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA:

We sincerely appreciate the amazing work that has not been done for two decades in defense of religious freedom for everyone. Ahmadi Muslims are deeply committed to the promotion of peace, freedom, loyalty to the country, and service to humanity. In 2011, our community established an Annual Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award to recognize the services and contributions of individuals, who selflessly strive to assist oppressed and disadvantaged communities around the world. By being an advocate for these communities, these individuals, protect and safeguard, fundamental and universal human rights. This year we are delighted to honor the work of Nadine Maenza. Nadine is the president of the International Religious Freedom Secretariat and global fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington D.C. She was previously appointed by the White House to the US Commission on International Religious Freedom where she served two consecutive two-year terms including as chairperson. She is a noted speaker, writer, and policy expert with more than two decades of experience as a champion for International Religious Freedom. She has worked tirelessly in defense of persecuted, religious communities all over the world, especially working for the rights of Yazidis, Christians, and Muslims. She has led official human rights delegations on behalf of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Taiwan, and Pakistan. Nadine has advocated for the rights of persecuted Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Algeria. Our community has worked extremely closely with Nadine to rescue persecuted Ahmadi Muslims from Afghanistan, where Nadine has personally invested hundreds of hours of her own time for this project. Sometimes in the dead of night, I remember one such example on a personal note. It was 1:45 in the morning in Los Angeles when I received the news of our Ahmadi brothers and sisters in danger right when the rescue efforts were underway in Afghanistan, and I messaged Nadine thinking that she can get this message perhaps the next day. She picked up the message at four in the morning of her time and she called me and worked on that matter for the next two hours with me over the phone all night to help our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan. It

is a delight to give this honor to her. We asked her to receive the 2023 Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award and then share her remarks with us. Now, I request her to receive the award from our missionary in-charge (Maulana Azhar Hanif).

Nadine Maenza received the award among slogans from the audience of the Annual Convention.

Nadine Maenza came to the podium and addressed the annual Ahmadiyya convention:

As-Salāmu 'Alaikum, it is such an honor and privilege to be the recipient of this humanitarian award, Thank You. I am honored to speak alongside so many friends and professionals who have my admiration. I have been fortunate to spend much time with many members of the Ahmadiyya community such as Amjad, Waseem Malik, Ahmad, Mahmud Harris, and others. In London, I was able to visit His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad. I am touched by your motto, "Love for all hatred for none." I am touched especially because it is not just a slogan but it is a way of life.



I share this award with friends and colleagues who were partners in Afghanistan's evacuation in our continued work to rescue religious minorities at risk. Charmaine Heading and Chi Fung, Chalford, and others remained unnamed when the Taliban took over Afghanistan and the evacuation was announced. I fear that the only people that would be able to get on these planes were those that had contacts with powerful people in Washington D.C. I worked to make sure we include the most vulnerable, including addressing the Ahmadiyya Muslims Mission converts and others. A special thank you to Nazarene Fung and Merceron for providing these planes and Chi Fung for organizing the effort. It is important to note that, in addition to religious minorities, half of these planes that were privately funded were filled with those who worked for the US government, at-risk women, judges, and others. On these planes, we were able to get out members of the Ahmadiyya community. There were some harrowing moments, especially the one night spent stuck in a Taliban checkpoint when we finally were able to get everyone out safely to the airport. Shooting began and everyone had to pull back. It was a low moment. We would eventually get that group out, but not that day and not even that week. It would be months. I still think them for their trust and their patience. I am distraught that there are still so many in danger, and I pray for them daily. We remain committed to providing help as needed. The horrific persecution that is happening to the Ahmadiyya community in several countries, including Algeria, Malaysia, and especially Pakistan is extremely disturbing. While I was a commissioner, Sir, we had a strong Ahmadiyya





community and I appreciate their continued support and diligence. I am also thankful for Ambassador Rashad Hussain and his excellent staff like Dr. Harrison Akins, who also continue to advocate so strongly. I do urge the US government to follow users, excellent recommendations, including entering into a binding agreement with Pakistan under section 405C of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998. This binding agreement could include a benchmark. Pakistan will feel the blasphemy and anti-Ahmadiyya laws until that is done. They could form making blasphemy a bailable offense. They could press the removal of requirements of religion on ID cards. These are practical steps and can make a difference for thousands of Ahmadiyya and other religious minorities. It is also important that we continue to work globally to improve religious freedom conditions even in countries where there is no outright persecution of Ahmadiyya Muslims and others. An important question is, are you and other religious minorities included as equal citizens in society, if not, then still work needs to be done. If you are, then we need to safeguard those religious freedom conditions against future events and leaders that confront them. For that reason, after I left you Sir last May, I immediately joined Greg Mitchell at the Earth Secretariat where we are building infrastructure to support the religious freedom movement globally. We run international religious freedom, Round-Table in Washington D.C. and in over twenty-five countries globally. These Round-Table spring together civil society, religious communities in government officials to solve problems in their community and obligate brothers globally. I am thankful for the strong Ahmadiyya Muslim president in our Washington D.C. Round Table. In our UK and far from many of our work throughout the world and it is not said the way that you stand for one another. It is so impressive and it does make it easy for us to love you back in all the work you do and the kindness you show others who are also being persecuted. Any of these don't see tolerance. We don't tolerate things. We tolerate things we don't like accepting one another as equal citizens. Even our deep logical differences are the key to this work, and it's also the key to long-term peace and stability. As a Christian, I am especially, honored to stand alongside Ahmadiyya Muslims against discrimination, marginalization, and persecution. I am confident that by working together, we can make a difference in the lives of many consciences. Thanks again for the special honor. It is so meaningful to me as is my continued relationship with all of you. I am confident, I speak for the Earth Secretariat, and the Earth Round-Table Movement and promises to continue to stand with you and support love for all and hatred for none.

Note: Some names in the report may have not been mentioned correctly by the transcriber for which we apologize.

(Report by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus, Ohio. Transcribed from MTA USA Studios-YouTube by our young Khādim Mr. Usman Mobusher)

# Tabligh Booth at the 2023 Cultural Togetherness Fair at Rochester University



By the Grace of Allah, the Detroit Jamā'at Tabligh department held a Tabligh activity hosted by the City of Rochester Hills Cultural Council at Rochester University on 13 May 2023. This was part of Detroit Jamā'at's outreach efforts to engage with academic institutions and the youth around the Mahmood Mosque area.



Mayor of Rochester Hills City

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, Detroit was invited to join and organize a booth. Although, there was short notice to prepare the displays and materials that could meet the requirements of the fair organizers. By the Grace of Allah, Detroit Jamā'at members quickly put together the plan and came up with displays, banners, and other display items which represented not only the cultural aspects but also highlighted the history of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the US.



Displays also included pictures of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and Khulafā of the Jamā'at. A pictorial history of the US Jamā'at was also on display.

Many Jamā'at flyers and literature books were on display which peeked a great deal of interest in the visitors to the booth.



The booth was at a very prominent place. Approximately 500+ people passed by the booth and looked at various items on display at the Jamā'at booth. Many visited the booth and looked at the literature. Flyers along with books of "Pathway to Peace" and "Life of Muhammad" were among the favorite items of the visitors.

Many guests stopped by the booth and learned about the Jamā'at, Ahmadiyyat and Islam. Flyers along with ten "Pathway to Peace" books were gifted to the guests.

Seven members of the Jamā'at volunteered and participated in the event.

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett also stopped by the booth and spent time reviewing various displays. He acknowledged and appreciated the participation of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Michigan.

Overall, the event went well with participation from all auxiliaries including Aṭfāl, Lajna, Ansar, and Khuddām. (Report by Muhammad Ahmad, Serving as Secretary Tabligh, Detroit Jamā'at)



# AMC, USA celebrates Eid-ul-Adha 2023—Report of eighteen chapters

The AMC, USA comprising of fifty-eight chapters celebrated Eid-ul-Adha with great enthusiasm on 28 June 2023. Based on eighteen Chapters, about 6000 worshippers offered Eid prayers in various Mosques and Salāt Centers. According to the reports, 1214 animals were sacrificed. In addition, 1377 members opted to sacrifice animals through Humanity First.

One thousand-one hundred Jamā‘at members residing in Maryland and Washington D.C. offered Eid prayers at the National Headquarters Bait-ur-Rahman, Silver Spring, and American Fazl Mosque in Washington, D.C.

Eid al-Adha gatherings were also organized in Virginia mosques. The members of the South Virginia congregated at the Masroor Mosque where 1100 people gathered. After the prayers, lunch was served.



Eid gatherings were held in different cities of New York State such as Syracuse, Albany, Willingboro, and New York City, in which more than one thousand members offered Eid prayer.



In Pennsylvania, Eid gatherings were organized at Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia locations in which 425 people offered Eid prayers.



In Houston, Texas, the Eid gathering was held at Bait-us-Sami, where 500 people offered Eid prayers.

In California, Eid gatherings were held at Bait-ul-Hameed Mosque, in Bay Point and Chino Mosque, where 820 people offered Eid prayers.



(Report by Mirza Maaz SVA, USA)

# Zion chapter of AMC, USA celebrates Eid-ul-Adha 2023 at “ Fath-e-Azeem ” Mosque



## MKA USA organizes Khilafat Day event

Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA held a Khilafat Day event on 27 May 2023, at the Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque in Queens, New York, and virtually broadcast it to all members across the country. More than 400 participants attended in person, with an estimated 3000 members joining virtually.

The event was presided over by Sahibzada Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā’at Ahmadiyya USA. The proceeding began with the recitation from the Holy Qur’ān, followed by a hadith, Urdu poem, and opening remarks by Sadr Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA.

After the opening remarks, a presentation was conducted and moderated by my humble self. The presentation highlighted the need for Khilafāt in our lives, and a few Khuddām shared personal testimonies of how Khilafat had a revolutionary impact on their lives.

Afterward, a quote from Hazrat Muslih Mau’ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) was presented regarding Khilafat. The first speaker was a new convert from Philadelphia, Jaheim Thomas, who shared his conversion story and how his life completely changed after accepting Ahmadiyyat and coming under the blessed institution of Khilafat.

Then, a video clip of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) was played where he described the divine institution and work of Khilafat compared to any other world leader and how Khilafat constantly cares for and prays for all the Ahmadis in the world. Another clip was played of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) explaining how we can become the true Sultan-e-Naseer of Khilafāt. This was followed by another quote from Hazrat Muslih Mau’ud (may Allah be pleased with him).

The next speaker was Naib Sadr MKA USA, Hibbi Iqbal, who shared his personal experiences and how Khuddām can protect themselves from Dajjal by coming under the shield of Khilafat.



Then, Seraj Bhatti shared his personal experiences with Khilafat and how he truly understood the divine status of Khilafat through the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) on cryptocurrency and how he saw himself over time, and how powerful Khalifatul-Masih's guidance was to protect Ahmadiis from the repercussions of trading in cryptocurrency while the whole world initially held the opposite opinion.

The last speaker, Zarik Khan, shared his experiences with Khilafat, who had the opportunity to do Waqf Ardhi for a month in Islamabad, UK, and spend the blessed month of Ramadan in the company of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper).

Towards the end, Amir Jamā'at USA delivered an address highlighting the immense status of Khilafat and how to understand its true significance. (Report by Ibrahim Chaudhry, Mohtamim Tarbiyat, MKA USA)

## Two young boys, Hazeem Ahmad and Usaidullah Virk of Virginia Jamā'at, memorize the Holy Qur'an

Ḥāfiẓ Hazeem Ahmad son of Dr. Naeem Ahmad and Shehla Ahmad of South Virginia Jamā'at completed Hifz (memo-rization of Arabic text) of the Holy Qur'an from Hifzul-Qur'an School, Jami'a Ahmadiyya Canada in one year and ten months. He is ten years old. Barak-Allah. He is the grandson of Naseer Ahmad and Late Nasira Akhtar (Virginia USA) and Iqbal Ahmed Chaudhry (Milton Canada) and the Late Bushra Khurshid (Lahore, Pakistan). Prayers are requested that may Allah enable him to continue his journey of learning the Holy Qur'an, act upon and spread its teachings for the benefit of mankind. Amen.

Ḥāfiẓ Usaidullah Virk of South Virginia Jamā'at completed the memorization of the Arabic text of the Holy Qur'an from Hifzul Qur'an School Canada. Barak-Allah. He completed Hifz (memorization) online which took four years to complete. Usaidullah Virk age 15 is the son of Nasarullah Virk. He is the grandson of Choudry Shukrullah and Mehmooda Begum of South Virginia and Itrat Nisar Butt daughter of Nisar Qutub Ahmed Butt and Amina Nisar Butt of Karachi. His Hifz teachers are Ḥāfiẓ Rahat, Ḥāfiẓ Mujeeb and Ḥāfiẓ Ateeq. May Prayers are requested that may Allah enable him to continue his journey of learning the Holy Qur'an, act upon and spread its teachings for the benefit of mankind. Amen.

Both Ḥāfiẓ Hazeem Ahmad and Ḥāfiẓ Usaidullah Virk were given a cash prize of \$500 each by Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA at the 73rd Annual Convention held at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA on behalf of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, USA. (Report by Qudratullah Ayaz, Milwaukee, IL.)



Left: Hāfiz Hazeem Ahmad, middle: Hāfiz Hazeem Ahmad and Hāfiz Usaidullah Virk with certificates from Hifz-ul-Qur’ān School, Jamī’a Ahmadiyya, Canada, right: and Hāfiz Usaidullah Vir

## The Department of Ta’lim-ul-Quran and Waqf-e-Ardi (TAQWA) announces certified Quran teachers at the 73rd Annual Convention of AMC, USA

The Department of Ta’lim-ul-Qur’ān and Waqf-e-Ardi (TAQWA) initiated the Qur’ān teacher certification program in 2019 to teach proper recitation of the Holy Qur’ān according to tajwid rules to Khuddām and Ansar throughout the United States. The syllabus was covered in 14 weeks, followed by a certification examination.

### The certification year 2020

Chair ul Bahri (Atlanta), Abdul Kudus Yahaya (Maryland) and Habibullah Virk (S. Virginia)

### The certification year 2021

Shahid Mahmood (Detroit), Mahmood Gondal (S. Virginia), Syed Raashid Bukhari (Chicago), Mustafa Ahmed (Fort Worth), Khalid Naseem Ahmed (LA), Rashid Waqas Sheikh (Lehigh Valley), Kamaldeen Mulli (Milwaukee), Monas Chaudhry (LA), Hamid Mahmood (N. Jersey), Hamza Ilyas (Maryland), Azhar Ahmed (Detroit), Armaan Butt (Portland) and Ayaan Tahir (Detroit)

### The certification year 2022

Mubashir Ahmad Majoka (Rochester), Ijaz Ahmad Khokhar (Fitchburg), Nasir Rana (Boston), Zafar ul Islam (S. Virginia), and Pir Tayyab (Oshkosh)

## Ijaz Malik of Maryland Jamā'at passes away

Ijaz Malik of Maryland Jamā'at passed away on 21 July 2023 in Laurel, Maryland. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was the brother of Naib Amir USA, Masoud Malik, Mubarik Malik, and Saeed Malik. He was born in Warburton, Pakistan in July 1941 and later moved to the U.S.A. in 1992 and served as Secretary Wasaya for the Laurel chapter for many years. He is survived by two sons, Asif Malik and Kashif Malik, and three daughters, Alia Tahir Malik, Sadia Malik, and Ammara Malik.

May Allah Ta'ālā grant him Maghfirat and grant patience and steadfastness to all bereaved family members. Ameen (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

## Syed Nafees Ahmad Bukhari of Maryland passes away

Syed Nafees Ahmad Bukhari of Maryland passed away in January 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He was 77 years old. His wife also passed away about two years back. He migrated to the US twenty-five years ago. He left behind five sons. Two of them live in the United States and three are in Pakistan.

He is the elder brother of Syed Idrees Ahmad Bukhari of Maryland Jamā'at. He was the son of Syed Muhammad Saeed Saleem of Dar-ul-Tajleed, Urdu Bazar, Lahore, Pakistan who had a printing press and used to publish Jamā'at books at cheap rates.

Syed Nafees honorarily worked full-time for the central Wasaya Department of the USA. He also served as secretary wasiyat of Maryland Jamā'at for a long time.



## Inayat Shah of San Francisco Jamā'at passes away



Inayat Shah of San Francisco Jamā'at passed away on 28 June 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He was the eldest brother of Hidayat Shah, Late Ashiq Shah, Khadim Shah, Anwar Shah, and Munawar Shah. Salma Shah is the eldest sister of all of them. Late Syed Sharif Ahmad and Salma Shah established San Francisco Jamā'at in the early 1970s. He came to the US in 1973. He settled first in Fitchburg, Massachusetts as his sister was in that state at that time. Later he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where his sister had moved. Shah brothers and their families make a large and active part of the Jamā'ats in the San Francisco area. The passing away of Inayat Shah is a great loss for the family. He was very patient when his son Saleem Shah died during his lifetime. He was very courteous and hospitable. His

company was always enjoyable. He was a caring and sympathetic soul. (Death news reported by Syed Sajid Ahmad)



# The 73rd Annual Convention of AMC, USA—A Brief Report

Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus OH

The Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA was held at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA from 14 July to 16 July 2023. Two big halls of the complex were earmarked for gents and ladies separately. Eight thousand three hundred and forty-two attended the convention including three hundred and one international and two hundred and one non-Ahmadi guests. More than seven hundred and fifty volunteers served the participants of this sacred gathering in different capacities. The proceedings of the convention were televised by MTA, USA and more than thirty-three thousand watched it.

An exhibition was arranged at the Farm Show complex, which presented historical pictures of Khulafā and different special events of the Jamā'at. The Isha'at Department of AMC, USA arranged a bookstall with the help of amibookstore.us which displayed the latest published books of the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya International for sale and viewing.

## The opening session of the first day of the Annual Convention:

Dr. Mirza Maghfūr Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA hoisted the flag (Lawa-e-Ahmadiyyat) before the start of the opening session of the Annual Convention. After recitation from the Holy Qur'ān from Surah Al-Jathiyah by missionary Sulman Tariq, Mr. Bilal Raja read in a melodious voice some couplets from the poetry of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him. Dr. Mirza Maghfūr Ahmad read a message from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masīh V (may Allah support him with His mighty help) both in English and Urdu. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masīh reminded the Jamā'at of two purposes of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him for which he was sent by the Almighty God. Firstly, to exhort mankind to fulfill the rights of Allah and secondly, to fulfill the rights of His creation. Then he led a silent prayer. The message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masīh V appears in this issue of the Ahmadiyya Gazette USA.

After the inaugural remarks by Amir Jamā'at, three speakers delivered speeches. Dr Fahim Younas Qureshi, Naib Amir, and National Secretary Tarbiyat, USA deliberated on Al-Ghafoor—our forgiving God, Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Qureshi spoke on “The Holy Prophet’s kindness to kin by marriage.” Mr. Ahsan Mahmood Khan’s speech was on the topic “Ten years after marriage—staying best friends.

## Second Day of the Annual Convention:

In the first session of the second day, there were four speeches delivered on the following topics. The session was chaired by Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah, Naib Amir, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA.

1. History of Ahmadiyyat—Dawn of Ahmadiyyat in America by Br. Habeeb Shafeek.
2. Ahmadi Muslim and American—Leading a double life? by Rizwan Hamid Khan.
3. Modesty—An embarrassment or distinction? by Madeel Abdullah, Sadr Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, USA.
4. Khilafat—Holding fast to the rope of Allah by Sahibzada Usman Latif.

Maulana Azhar Hanif, Naib Amir USA, and, the missionary in charge chaired the second session of the day. Dr. Waseem Sayed, National Secretary Tabligh delivered his speech on “Recognizing God: The key to unlocking peace.”

More than 200 non-Ahmadi guests from other religions and organizations were specially invited. Mr. Amjad Khan, National Secretary of Public Affairs introduced guests. Some of them delivered short speeches. The speakers appreciated the efforts of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya in bringing peace at the international level. Almost all guests spoke highly about the slogan “Love for All Hatred for None.”

During this session, Maulana Azhar Hanif, Naib Amir, and Missionary In-Charge, AMC, USA presented the Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award to Nadine Maenza, President of the International Religious Freedom Secretariat. She also addressed the session. She helped evacuation of Ahmadi Muslims from Afghanistan in a dire situation. She also raised a voice

for Ahmadiis in Algeria and Pakistan.

Those who delivered short speeches are the following:

- Mr. Justiin Fleming, member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.
- The message was shown on the big screen of Wanda Williams, Mayor-City of Harrisburg, PA
- Dr. Hamison Akins, foreign affairs, US State Department
- The message was shown by Rashad Hussain, Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
- Mr. Knox Thames, visiting expert, US. Institute for Peace
- Mr. Hermann Y. Toe, Charge D, Affair, Embassy of Burkina Faso
- Samuel Hind. O.E. Ambassador of Guyana to the United States

In the end, Maulana Azhar Hanif lauded the efforts of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya International for promoting peace in this world.

## Concluding Session of the Annual Convention:

The third day started with the recitation from Holy Qur'ān and was chaired by Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir USA. Two young boys namely Azeem Ahmad and Uzaidullah Virk became Hafiz-e-Qur'ān and were awarded a cash prize award of \$500 each. The students who excelled in academic activities were awarded medals and prizes. On this occasion 'Alam-e-In'ami of Atfāl-ul-Ahmadiyya, Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, and Anṣārullāh were presented to auxiliaries. Detroit Jamā'at received all three Alam-e-In'ami. Barakallahu.

The first speech of this session was delivered in Urdu by Harris Raja on "Kamyabi ki Rahain." The second speech was delivered by Syed Adil Ahmad on the topic "Am I Ahmadi Muslim by choice or by birth?" The third speech was delivered by Maulana Azhar Hanif, Naib Amir, and the missionary in-charge, AMC, USA on Zikr-e-Habib: Patience, Prayers, and Hard Work.

In his concluding address, Dr. Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad, Amir Jamā'at USA. He explained beautifully the revelation of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, "I shall Myself protect all those who are in this house." It should not, however, be understood here that this Divine protection is extended only to those living within the compass of my house made of mud and bricks: the pledge also encompasses those who follow my teaching to the fullest extent, and who, therefore, can truly be said to be the inmates of my spiritual home."

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad mentioned specifically about volunteers who devoted their time and energy to holding the Jalsa successfully." In the end, he led silent prayers ending the three-day proceedings of Jalsa Salana, USA.

## Ladies Parallel Programs of Jalsa:

Lajna Imā'illāh, AMC, USA held two separate sessions on the second day of the 73rd Annual Convention, USA. The Talent Awards / Nāsirat Recognition – Holy Qur'ān Competition ceremony was also held. In all seven speeches on the following topics were delivered by members of Lajna Imā'illāh, USA.

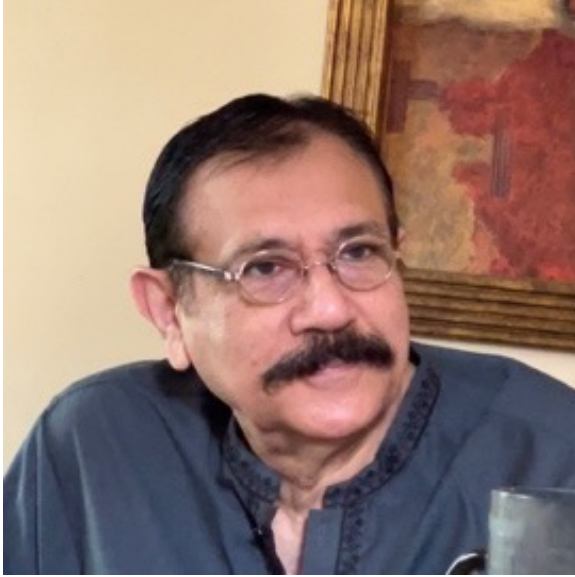
1. It feels like Heaven: Recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Amtul Rehman Ahmad.
2. Know your status: The beauty and power of the Hijab by Saliha Malik.
3. A reflection of the future: Tarbiyat of children by Zuna Ahmad.
4. Khilafat: Holding fast to the rope of Allah by Rohanna Tucker.
5. My Journey to Ahmadiyyat by Sabrina Farshori.
6. Significance of Lajna Imā'illāh centenary: Servant of Allah by Dhiya Tahira Bakr, Sadr Lajna Imā'illāh, USA.
7. Welcome new members to Ahmadiyyat

## Special Programs:

Wāqifin-i-Nau program for boys and girls was held separately in Men's and Ladies' marquees during Jalsa breaks.

# Divine Strength

Dr. Waqar Pirzada, Columbus, Ohio



Buddha is considered a sage and with the caliber of a prophet for his people. His search for truth and to become the "Enlightened One" is amazing. He left the palace of his father to see what the sufferings of the common people were. He went through the stages of self-denial and self-discipline. He considered, and through his practice showed, that this world is not the ultimate goal.

And when Buddha was asked, "What have you gained from meditation?"

He replied, Nothing! However. Let me tell you what I have lost: anger, anxiety, depression, insecurity, fear of old age, and death."

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has also talked about and explained this stage of self-denial, which is a prerequisite for Allah's nearness. Unless a person denies his self, showing humility before Allah how can he experience and understand the might and superiority of Allah? This is the state of self-negation at the doorstep from where Allah's mercy outpours. Prophet Jesus (peace be on him)

also experienced hardships. First of all, he had to listen to his people and their foul language that Jesus (God forbid) was an illegitimate child and that his mother was unchaste. He experienced poverty and humiliation. When he told his people to obey Allah and accept his messengers he was mocked. The Holy Qur'an says in verse 8 of Surah Az-Zukhruf:

But there never came to them a Prophet but they mocked at him. (43[Az-Zukhruf]: 8).

﴿۸﴾ وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِّنْ نَّبِيٍّ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿۸﴾

This mockery continues into enmity for the prophets leading to a denial of God. Thus, the battle between evil and disobedience starts. But God shows His supremacy through his signs and miracles at the hand of his chosen prophets. The people who listen and act according to God's commandments experience and enhance their inner and external strength and watch the shameful destruction of the disbelievers. God answers the prayers and supplications of his prophets and righteous followers.

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) had to face oppression toward himself and his followers. The nonbelievers made fun of them and said how can Allah speak to his prophets? But people who say this should remember that when they were little who taught them how to speak? Allah is all-aware and all-knowing and speaks to his prophets and the believers to whom He wishes. Establishing partners with Allah is a grave sin. The hypocrites among the non-believers are the worst when they say that they believe in the prophets and Allah in front of the believers, but when they go back to their fellow men, they say the opposite.

The Holy Qur'an says in verses 151 and 152 of Surah An-Nisa:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيَقُولُونَ نُؤْمِنُ بِبَعْضٍ وَنَكْفُرُ بِبَعْضٍ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَتَّخِذُوا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا ﴿۱۵۱﴾ ﴿۱۵۲﴾ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُّهِينًا ﴿۱۵۲﴾

Surely, those who disbelieve in Allah and His Messengers desire to make a distinction between Allah and His messengers, and say, we believe in some and disbelieve in others," and desire to take a way in between. These indeed are veritable disbelievers, and We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment. (4[An-Nisa]:151-152). [English translation of the above-mentioned Surah of the Holy Qur'an by Maulawi Sher Ali]

For example, snow in some parts of the earth doesn't melt, and when you torch it with flame, it doesn't melt, however, it turns black Similarly when people become cold and rebellious, they become a block of ice blackened with their bad deeds. Such people do not melt with the warmth and light of the prophets and the righteous. They become solid black ice that doesn't melt. And Allah destroys such believers and the rebellious with His wrath in the form of earthquakes, tornadoes, storms, disease, and unaccepted occurrences of events. For the people who repent Allah is ever merciful and people who keep disbelieving are a block of black ice.' That never melts.

## Inspired Soul

# Brother Hassiem Babatu

## Adjudged Dā'ī Ilallāh 2022 by Majlis Ansarullah, US

Brother Hassiem Babatu is a convert to Ahmadiyyat. He was raised as a Christian. He accepted Ahmadiyya, the truth of Islam under the guidance of Rashid Ahmad American. He listened to the "Islam Live" program on local public television that was hosted by members of the Milwaukee Jamā'at that included Brother Rashid Ahmad American and Muhammad Sabir.

Brother Hassiem Babatu served as the local Tabligh secretary for over a decade for the Milwaukee Jamā'at. He has also served as the regional Tabligh secretary for the Midwest region. He is currently serving in PAAMA USA. In the last two years, eight people accepted Ahmadiyyat and pledged allegiance due to his efforts.

As Tabligh secretary, he organized Holy Qur'an exhibitions, bookstalls, and food preparation at community events such as "Heal the Hood Block Parties." He has organized an interfaith conference to inspire peace and tolerance in society. He has participated in neighborhood cleanup in conjunction with local Christian groups. He distributed school supplies to local students and COVID supplies to needy people in Milwaukee. He is very active in promoting the Jamā'at on Facebook.

He is a devoted grandfather to his grandson Jelani. Jelani's parents are not Ahmadi, but Hassiem got permission from them to bring Jelani to the mosque and raise him as an Ahmadi. May Allah reward him abundantly for serving in the Jamā'at Tabligh efforts. Ameen. (Adapted from Ansar Connection, vol. 10, No. 11, 10 July 2023, report by Zeeshan Virk, Za'im Majlis Milwaukee, WI)



Left: Hassiem Babatu

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

– Surahs Adh-Dhariyat to Ar-Rahman –  
English Translation by Missionary Shahid Ahmad of Ghana  
(Continued from July 2023 issue)

## 51. Adh-Dhariyat: Introduction

This Surah is one of the early Meccan Surahs. Including Basmallah it consists of sixty-one verses.

In the very beginning of the current Surah the prophecies of the previous Surahs, which include the prophecies about Hell and Heaven, have been stated as definitely as the addressees of the Qur'ān talk to each other.

In this noble Surah, the future wars have been declared as a witness so that when mankind witnesses the certain fulfillment of these prophecies, they should not doubt that the Messenger, to whom this secret was disclosed, was given information about the life after death by the God Who knows the unseen.

It says, “by those that scatter the seeds...” This prophecy has seen word-for-word fulfillment in its literal sense as well. Indeed, seeds are scattered in this age by airplanes and helicopters. The planes fly carrying very huge loads; and despite these loads, they are swift. And by these planes, important information is delivered to various predominant as well as conquered and oppressed nations. Presenting them all as bearers of witness it has been concluded that the promise you have been given is certainly going to come true. The day of reward and punishment, i.e., the judgment day, for the worldly people in the world as well as for mankind in general in the hereafter will come.

Next, it is explained that those who scatter seeds and carry loads are not something that carries loads and traverse the earth, rather they are soaring entities. Thus, the sky with air routes has been presented as a witness. Thus, if you look at the sky you will find air tracks everywhere. Thus, the conclusion reached is that you have badly gone astray by denying the hereafter. If these accounts which the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is giving were mere conjectures God forbid then the conjecturers have all perished, but this Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is to stay forever.

This world is a specimen of eloquence. After the mention of those that scatter seeds from the sky, the attention has been drawn to the point that all means of your sustenance descend from heaven. But there is another heavenly sustenance which is beyond the ken of man, and the angels also are provided with the same sustenance. Thus, the account of the guests of Hazrat Abrahamas is given who were angels and appeared before him in human form. When Hazrat Abrahamas offered them the best food which is a means of sustenance for human life they refused to eat it; because the food which is provided to them was of a different type. The account of many other past Prophets has also been given after the account of Hazrat Abrahamas.

Next follows a verse that mentions that the heaven is ever expanding, which no man in the time of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) had imagined. In this age, astrologists have presented the reality that heaven is ever-expanding. And that having reached an appointed term it will again return to its center.

The subject of sustenance has been presented in this sense also that all human or heavenly bodies do require some kind of sustenance. Only one being does not need of any sustenance and that is Allah, Who is a Sustainer for everything.

## Notes: Adh-Dhariyat

### Verse 48:

وَالسَّمَاءَ بَنَيْنَاهَا بِأَيْدٍ وَإِنَّا لَمُوسِعُونَ

The word بِأَيْدٍ in this noble verse alludes to the point that Allah the Almighty, while creating the heaven, invested it with innumerable benefits; and along with it also stated that He will continue to expand it. This part that “He will continue to expand it further” is an extraordinarily miraculous statement, which an unlettered Prophet of Arabia could never have fabricated. Scientists have discovered this phenomenon through advanced technology that this universe is expanding all the time. In the time of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) everyone considered it a static universe.

### Verse 57:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“The jinn and the men” in this verse refer to significant and insignificant individuals and powerful and weaker nations. Both have been created to worship Allah the Almighty. If the jinn are taken to be the commonly known jinn, then they should also be rewarded for worship, i.e., they should be conveyed the good news of admission into heaven; but the admission of the jinn into heaven is not discussed anywhere.

## 52. At-Tur: Introduction

This Surah is one of the early Meccan Surahs, and including Basmallah it consists of fifty verses.

This Surah also has been started with the heavenly witnesses. First, it is the witness of Tur, whereon Hazrat Moses was informed about a much greater Prophet than him, i.e., the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa. Next, the vow of such a composed book has been given which was written on wide parchments. As in the olden times, people used to write on parchments that is why about that book it has been stated that it was written on parchments. And this very book contains the prophecy about the House of Allah, which will be filled with the righteous and spirituality. And once again firmament with elevated roof has been presented as a witness as well as surging sea between both of which water has been subjected which supports life.

Having mentioned all these heavenly testimonies Allah the Almighty warns that the day when heaven will be in a state of terrific commotion, and mountains-like world superpowers will be uprooted and will be routed and scattered all over the world then those who reject the truth will be annihilated that day.

Next, the culprits are promised Hell, whereas the righteous are given the good news of Paradise. Thus, directing the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) for continuous exhortation Allah the Almighty testifies that O Prophet! Neither your discourses are meaningless like that of a soothsayer, nor are you a madman; because your discourse and the Word revealed to you deny both. Therefore, to deliver the command of your Lord for His sake, wait patiently. You are before Our eyes, i.e., constantly you are under Our protection. And glorify Allah the Almighty with His praise whether you rise for day prayer or worship at night. And keep busy glorifying your Lord when the stars have set.

### Verse 25:

وَيَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ غِلْمَانٌ لَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ لُؤْلُؤٌ مَّكْنُونٌ

This verse as well talks about the bounties of heaven by way of similitude. Such children who are ‘as though pearls well preserved’ will wait upon those inmates of heaven. The selection of such words has proven that the whole of this account is by way of metaphor and similitude.

## 53. An-Najm: Introduction

This Surah was revealed in the fifth year of the Call, shortly after the emigration to Abyssinia. Including Basmallah it consists of sixty-three verses.

This Surah is titled An-Najm (the star), and at the end of the preceding Surah as well إِيَابَارِ النُّجُومِ (setting of the stars) is cited. Thereafter, the subject has been referred to the polytheists; and a prophecy has been made about falling that star which was worshipped by the polytheists. And said, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) did not coin it on his own, because he never speaks out of his desire.

Earlier, at the end of Surah Adh-Dhariyat, Allah was called ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ (the Lord of Power, the Strong) as well as الرَّزَّاقُ (the Great Sustainer) and the current Surah calls Allah as الْفَوْي شَدِيدُ and ذُو مِرَّةٍ .e., the Lord of mighty powers and Possessor of unprecedented wisdom.

Thereafter starts the account of the incident of Mi‘raj (ascension). Thus, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) neared his Lord and Allah Almighty leaned down towards him with beneficence; he became like one cord of two bows. These are very complicated verses that have been sought to explain in various ways. Certainly, this account does not refer to a physical sky; rather this is a reference to an unusual account of what passed in the heart of Muhammadsa, the Chosen one; a vision whose precedent is not found in the life of any other Prophet. His heart ascended to the firmament in Allah’s love, and Allah, out of love for his servant, descended to his heart. And قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ means that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) became that chord which had become one chord between the bow of Allah Almighty and that of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). In other words, the arrow shot from the bow of Allah was the same shot from the bow of the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa. This explanation is exactly in-line with the verse of the Holy Qur‘ān وَ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ رَزَىٰ وَمَا رَمَيْتَ إِذْ رَمَيْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ رَمَىٰ .e., and thou threwest not when thou didst throw, but it was Allah Who threw). Therefore, this explanation cannot at all be termed as an opinion.

Then, the belief that Mi‘raj was physical has been refuted, when it states مَا كَذَّبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَىٰ (i.e., the heart of the Prophet was not untrue to that which he saw). That is, physical eyes did not see Allah. Rather, Allah which was seen by the eyes of the heart of the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa that heart was not untrue in relating that account.

Thereafter, سِدْرَةَ (Lote-tree) is mentioned which is like a boundary hedge between Allah Almighty and His servants. This is a custom of the Arabs which is found among them even to this date that between the lands of two farmers where their boundaries meet thorny plants are grown as a boundary line. Thus, there was no thorny plant grown in the heaven beyond which the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) did not have access. This is an extremely ridiculous explanation that was presented by some commentators of the middle-ages. It only means that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) had access to that high station of nearness to Allah beyond which no human had access; because after that starts the subject of transcendent attributes of Allah Almighty.

Next, talking about hypothetical deities of the disbelievers Allah says that they have no proof of their existence; they follow nothing but conjecture. This is the utmost limit of their knowledge.

Here, الشُّعْرَى (Sirius) stands for that star which was a deity of the disbelievers.

Next, the evil end at which the past idolatrous people ended up as a result of their polytheism is outlined briefly as a warning and lesson.

## 54. Al-Qamar: Introduction

This Surah was revealed at Mecca, and including Basmallah it consists of fifty-six verses.

In the preceding Surah falling of شِعْرَى (Sirius), a false deity of the idolatrous is cited. In other words, the prophecy was made that polytheism, along with its hypothetical gods, will be annihilated.

At the very beginning of Surah Al-Qamar, the information is given that the time for its end has approached; and the moon testified to it by renting asunder into two. The moon stands for the period of the sovereignty of the Arabs. And this interpretation of the moon is reported by the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) himself. Thus, the era of sovereignty of the polytheists came to an end for good; and that time approached which was the time of revolution; which was to take place with the advent of the Holy Prophet Muhammadsa, the Chosen one.

Next follows a verse that proves that the idolatrous people of that time, for a fleeting moment, did see the moon renting asunder into two. The commentators, rightly or wrongly, have given many exegeses about this, but this reality cannot be denied. Because if the polytheists had not witnessed the incident of the moon's renting asunder into two, immediately they would have denied its occurrence. And the believers too would have renounced their belief, because the belief was founded solely on the truthfulness of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). By saying سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَمِرٌّ (a continuous sorcery) the polytheists of Mecca testified that the incident did take place, but it is sorcery, and such sorceries are regularly performed by Muhammad<sup>sa</sup>.

Once again, the past idolatrous peoples are cited every one of them declared the Prophet of their time to be insane. And they were destroyed one after the other as a result of their disbelief and insolence. One verse has been repeatedly cited in the current Surah that "We have made the Holy Qur'ān easy to take heed." That is, if anyone had given a little consideration to the circumstances of the past people, they would have understood easily that most of the destruction in the world was caused by polytheism. But is there anyone to take heed? Neither majority of the past people took heed nor the majority of the following people take heed.

## Notes: Al-Qamar

### Verses 13 - 16:

وَفَجَّرْنَا الْأَرْضَ عُيُونًا فَالْتَقَى الْمَاءُ عَلَى أَمْرٍ قَدْ قُدِرَ  
وَحَمَلْنَاهُ عَلَى ذَاتِ أَلْوَابٍ وَّ دُسْرٍ  
تَجْرِي بِأَعْيُنِنَا جَزَاءً لِّمَنْ كَانَ كُفِرَ  
وَلَقَدْ تَرَكْنَاهَا آيَةً فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدْكِرٍ

These verses refer to the Ark of Prophet Noahas, which was made of wooden planks and nails. In other words, civilization had advanced so much in the time of Prophet Noahas that they had completely mastered the use of iron, and probably they were able to produce saws for sawing wooden planks.

This Ark, it is stated that this is a sign which will prove to be faith-inspiring for those who take heed. It also opens the possibility that Noah's Ark may have been preserved as a sign for the succeeding generations. Although the Christians are unaware of this statement of the Holy Qur'ān, yet they believe that the Ark of Noahas is preserved somewhere as a sign, and try



to search it everywhere. Some members have been assigned by the Ahmadiyya community as well to get a clue about this Ark with about this Qur'anic verse. According to my research, this Ark has been preserved at the bottom of the Dead Sea and will be brought out when the time comes.

## Verses 45 - 46:

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ نَحْنُ جَمِيعٌ مُنْتَصِرُونَ  
سَيُهْزَمُ الْجَمْعُ وَيُوَلُّونَ الدُّبُرَ

These verses, which belong to the early Meccan period, foretell about the Battle of the Ditch that the hosts of the disbelievers will be routed and shall turn their backs in flight.

## 55. Ar-Rahman: Introduction

This Surah was revealed in the early Meccan period. Including Basmallah it consists of seventy-nine verses.

In this Surah two different idioms have been used for man and the Holy Qur'an. Nowhere the word خَلَقَ has been used for the Qur'an, but for man خَلَقَ, has been used. Thus, as a result of not pondering over this Surah some Muslims of the middle-ages believed Qur'an to be a creation, and some others as non-creation. And because of this reason, a lot of blood was shed on those Muslims.

A مِيزَانٌ (measure) has also been mentioned in this noble Surah. Allah says a balance will be found all over the heavens; and in fact, every exaltation requires this balance. Thus, if the believing servants of Allah Almighty always safeguard this measure, and never go against justice, Allah Almighty will grant them as well very exalted stations.

Next, addressing the jinn and men it has been reiterated that 'which then of the favors of your Lord will you twain deny.' In this connection, the difference between the creation of jinn and men has also been laid down that the jinn have been created of the flame of fire. In the present age, various interpretations of the word jinn are presented. But at this point, one interpretation of jinn is that viruses and bacteria are also jinn, who came into being as a result of fiery radioactive waves coming from the sky at the beginning of creation. In this age, all scientists have agreed that bacteria and viruses come into existence by taking energy directly from fire.

Then about man, a prophecy was made which uncovers deep secrets of magnificent wisdom and creation. The concept of man's creation by mud is found in all past (Divine) books. But the concept of the creation of man of dry ringing clay is a concept that is not found in any other book before the Holy Qur'an. This is not the occasion of its detail. But the scientists know that a stage came during creation where it was necessary to dry the material of creation in the form of ringing clay. And then the sea once again engulfed this dry material with its waves. And a journey of chemical progress of man started wherein these essential chemicals do not have to revert to their earliest stage time and again for human creation.

Next, a prophecy was made that Allah the Almighty will remove the defining boundary between the two seas; and they will merge into each other.

Then, there is another noble verse that could not have come into any man's imagination in the age when Qur'an was revealed. The man was not able enough to jump a meter or two high. Who could have imagined that influential as well as non-influential people will endeavor to go beyond the confines of the heavens and earth? This endeavor started with man's journey to the moon. And endeavors are being made to reach the planets beyond. But the Holy Qur'an prophesies that man cannot break through the boundaries of the universe without سُلْطَنٌ i.e., magnificent reasoning. And whenever they try to go beyond it physically, they will be showered with fire and molten copper. There is no doubt that unless scientists take all possible defensive measures against meteor showers, they cannot travel in space in rockets.

After the metaphorical discussion of Hell starts the metaphorical account of Paradise. The readers should be cautious not to take this account literally at all. This is a metaphorical language. The thinkers may find newer gems of cognizance if they

ponder over it. Otherwise, their mind will stray without any gain, except for a physical concept of Paradise wherein they will fail to find any solution to many an issue. Thus, blessed is the name of Allah the Almighty; His blessings are countless. He is ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ (Master of Glory and Honor).

## Notes: Ar-Rahman

### Verses 6:

الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ بِحُسْبَانٍ

The word بِحُسْبَانٍ also signifies that they are a source of counting. All the advancement the world has made is due to counting. And scientists learned the knowledge of counting and computing to its perfection as a result of the courses of the sun and moon.

### Verses 7:

وَالنَّجْمُ وَالشَّجَرُ يَسْجُدَانِ

The word نَجْمٌ may also signify a star, which is related to counting as well as herbs, discussed in the previous verse; as it is followed by the account of the tree. This is due to the excellence of eloquence of the Holy Qur'an that every verse is well connected and concordant from every aspect.

### Verses 8:

وَالسَّمَاءَ رَفَعَهَا وَوَضَعَ الْمِيزَانَ

Next follows the account of the elevations of the heavens, which is a compendium of the subjects of the previous verses that it is only through counting that balance is maintained. And the elevations the heavens are invested with are so balanced that man can learn from it the ways of administrating justice.

### Verses 18:

رَبُّ الْمَشْرِقَيْنِ وَرَبُّ الْمَغْرِبَيْنِ

This noble verse relates the two Easts and the two Wests, whereas in the time of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) the knowledge of man was up to only one East and one West. This very brief verse embodies the prophecy of great discoveries in the future.

### Verses 20 - 23:

مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيْنَ  
بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَا يَبْغِيْنَ  
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبْنَ  
يَخْرُجُ مِنْهُمَا اللُّؤْلُؤُ وَالْمَرْجَانُ

These verses refer to such two seas which produce اللؤلؤ والمرجان i.e., pearls and coral; and both will be joined to each other. The word يلتقيان signifies their joining in the future. Whereas in the time of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) there was no knowledge of any such two seas, nor any prophecy could have been made about their linking to each other. It is a reference to the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea which have been linked through the Suez Canal.

### Verses 34:

يَمْعَشِرَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنْ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ أَنْ تَنْفُذُوا مِنْ  
أَقْطَارِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ فَانْفُذُوا ۚ لَا تَنْفُذُونَ إِلَّا  
بِسُلْطَنِ

The words used in this verse are يَمْعَشِرَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ (O company of jinn and men). In that age it could have been said about the jinn, which was understood to be strange creatures, that they would try to break through the confines of the heavens and the earth; but about men, it could never have even been imagined that they would try to break through the confines of the heavens and the earth. The point to be noted here is that the statement is not about the 'confines of the earth' only; the statement is 'confines of the heavens and the earth.' That is, they will try to cross over the entire universe in one leap. The word بِسُلْطَنِ signifies that they will try but will be able to succeed only through cogent reasoning. The same prevails in the current age. The scientists who research the heavens and the earth have gotten access to the information of twenty billion light years away merely through their strong reasoning. Physical access to them is impossible for them.

### Verses 36:

يُرْسَلُ عَلَيْكُمَا شَوَاظٌ مِّنْ نَّارٍ ۖ وَنَحَاسٌ فَلَا تَنْتَصِرِينَ

When astronauts, in rockets, try to go beyond the bounds of heavens and earth they are shot with flames of fire and something like smoke.

### Verses 38:

فَإِذَا انشَقَّتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتْ وَرْدَةً كَالدِّهَانِ

This is just a metaphor. It is a reference to extraordinary progress in the field of astronomy; furthermore, it may also be a reference to dreadful aerial warfare.

### Verses 40:

فَيَوْمَئِذٍ لَا يُسْأَلُ عَنْ ذَنْبِهِ إِنْسٌ وَلَا جَانٌّ

The verse states 'On that day neither man nor Jinn will be asked about his sin.' On the Day of Judgment, the criminals will be recognized by their signs, hence there will be no need for questioning. In the world wars as well, neither influential people need to ask the junior ones, nor do insignificant Communist nations ask the major Capitalist powers. This part of the prophecy is yet to be cleared further.

### Verses 47:

وَلِمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّاتٍ

Those who fear Allah the Almighty will be granted the heaven of this world as well as of the hereafter. The heaven of this world is probably a reference to the heaven of اللّٰهُ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ (Aye! It is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts can find comfort).

Note: To be continued in the next issues of the Ahmadiyya Gazette USA.

# 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 the 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 all those who want to contribute to 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.

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# USA Jamā'at Calendar 2023

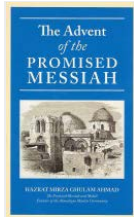
Date/Day/Time	Event	Local/Region/National	Venue
1 Jan, Sun	New Year's Day		Federal Holiday
7-8 Jan-Sat-Sun	Local/Auxiliary Activities, Reviews 2022 & Plans 2023	Local/ Auxiliary/Jamā'at	
8 Jan, Sun [3 PM EST]	An Overview of Jamā'at Financial System	National Finance Dept.	Webinar
8 Jan, Sun [8 PM EST]	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyat Dept.	Webinar
10-20 Jan-Tue-Fri	Ashara Waṣiyyat	National Wasaya Dept.	Jamā'at
13-15 Jan-Fri-Sun	Ansar Leadership Conference Aux National Majlis Ansarullah		Baitul Ikram Dallas
14 Jan-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
16 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King Jr Day—Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
21 Jan-Sat	9th Annual USA Qur'ān & Science Symposium AAMS		Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
22 Jan Sun	Seerat-un-Nabi Day	Regional	Jama'at
28 Jan-Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Career Expo-National	National Waqf-e-Nau Dept.	In-Person / Virtual
29 Jan, Sun	Public Affairs Seminar National Umur Khārijyya Dept		Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
1-10 Feb-Wed-Fri	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
4-5 Feb, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/Auxiliary	Jamā'at
11 Feb-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
12 Feb Sun	President's Refresher Course	National Jamā'at	GS Office Zoom
12 Feb-Sun 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	Tarbiyat Department	Webinar
17-19 Feb-Fri-Sun	Masroor International Sports Tournament	Sports Dept	New York
18 Feb Sat	Jami'a Inspiration and Orientation Camp	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	Virtual
20 Feb, Mon	President's Day - Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
25 Feb, Sun	Lajna National Tabligh/Media/Public Affair Training	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Virtual
26 Feb, Sat	Muslih Mau'ūd Day	Local	Jamā'at
4-5 Mar, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/Auxiliary	Jamā'at
4-5 Mar, Sat-Sun	MKA Khuddam / Atfāl Ijtima	Auxiliary MKA	Local
10-12 Mar Fri-Sun	2nd Refresher Course, Dar-ul-Qada USA	Dar-ul-Qada Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
10-20 Mar-Fri-Mon	Ashara Waṣiyyat	National Wasaya Dept.	Jamā'at
11 Mar-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other National Rishta Nata Dept		Webinar
11 Mar-Sat	Rishta Nata-Meet and Greet Program	National Rishta Nata Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
12 Mar, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
17-19-Mar, Fri-Sun	Lajna National Mentoring Conference	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Bait-ul-Ikram, Dallas
18 Mar-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
18 Mar-Sat	Local Qur'ān Conference	TaQWA Dept	Jamā'at
19 Mar-Sun	Know Your History Webinar	Isha'at Dept	Webinar
23 Mar to 20 Apr	Ramadan Starts	Local	Jamā'at
26 Mar, Sun	Masih Mau'ūd Day	Local	Jamā'at
1-10 Apr-Sat-Mon	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
1-2 Apr, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
9 Apr, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
21 Apr, Fri	Eid-ul-Fitr	Local	Jamā'at
28-30 Apr, Fri-Sun	Majlis Shura-USA Jamā'at	General Secretary Office	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
6-7 May, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
6 May, Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	In-Person / East Coast Regions
13 May, Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	In-Person / West & Central Regions
13-14 May, Sat-Sun	Ansar Regional Ijtimas	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local / Regional
14 May, Sun, 8 PM Tarbiyat Webinar		National Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
18-21 May Thu to Sun	Jami'a Canada Visit (Parents & Atfāl/Khuddam)		National Waqf-e-Nau Dept. In Person Canada
19-21 May Fri- Sun	Regional Ijtimas Khuddam / Atfāl	Aux MKA	Local / Regional
20 May-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
20-21 May-Sat-Sun	Majlis Ansarullah Family Day	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local
28 May, Sun	Khilafat Day	Local	Jamā'at
29 May, Mon	Memorial Day Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
1-10 Jun-Thu-Sat	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
3-4 Jun, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/Auxiliary	Jamā'at
10 Jun-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other National Rishta Nata Dept		Webinar
11 Jun, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar

17-18 Jun, Sat-Sun	Spiritual Fitness Camp	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Local Jama'at
18 Jun-Sun	Know Your History Webinar	Ishaat Dept.	Webinar
19-22 Jun Mon-Thu	Waqf-e-Nau National Summer Camp	Waqf-e-Nau Dept.	South Virginia Mosque, VA
23-25 Jun, Fri-Sun	MKA National Ijtima	Aux National MKA.	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
24 Jun Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at.	In-Person/Zoom Meeting
28 June, Wed.	Eid-ul-Adhā	Local.	Jamā'at
30 Jun to 9 Jul Fri-Sun.	Ashara Waṣiyyat.	National Wasaya Dept.	Jamā'at
1-2 Jul Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
4 Jul, Tue	Independence Day		Federal Holiday
8-14 Jul, Sat-Fri	National Youth Camp	Talim Dept.	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
8-9 Jul, Sat-Sun	Ansar Regional Ijtimas.	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local / Regional
9 Jul Sun	Academy Graduation	Tarbiyat Dept.	Local Mosque
9 Jul Sun	Tarbiyat Webinar – 8 PM EDT.	Tarbiyat Dept.	Webinar
9 Jul, Sat-Sun	Tahir Academy Graduation	Tarbiyat Dept.	Local Mosques
14-16 Jul Fri-Sun.	Jalsa Salana USA	National	PA Farm Show Harrisburg PA
28-30 Jul, Fri to Sun	Jalsa Salana UK	UK.	UK
29 Jul Sat.	Lajna National Virtual Mentoring Conference	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Virtual
1-10 Aug-Sat-Mon	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept.	Jamā'at
5-6 Aug, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
12-13 Aug, Sat-Sun.	Spiritual Fitness Camp	Tarbiyat Dept.	Local Jamā'at
13 Aug Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
17-22 Aug Thu-Tue	National Tarbiyat Camp (15-18 Years old)	Aux MKA.	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
19 Aug-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at.	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
25-27 Aug-Fri-Sun	Lajna National Ijtima	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
26 Aug-Fri-Sat.	Annual Tahir Academy Conference	Tarbiyat Dept	Baltimore Masjid, MD
2-3 Sep, Sat & Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
2-4 Sep, Sat-Mon	Labor Day - Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
9-10 Sep-Sat-Sun	Majlis Ansarullah Family Day	Aux Majlis Ansarullah	Local
10 Sep, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
16 Sep-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at.	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
16 Sep-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other	National Rishta Nata Dept	Webinar
17 Sept, Sun	Know Your History [7:30 to 8:30 PM EST]	National Isha'at Dept.	Webinar
22-24 Sept, Fri-Sun	MKA Majlis-e-Shura	Aux National MKA.	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
30 Sept-1 Oct, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
1-10 Oct-Sun-Tue	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
6-8 Oct Fri-Sun	Ansarullah National Shura/National Ijtima	Auxiliary/Ansarullah	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
7-8 Oct Sat-Sun	Atfāl Rallies	Aux MKA Regional	Local MKA
8 Oct, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
9 Oct, Mon	Columbus Day - Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
14 Oct-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at.	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
14 Oct-Sat	Annual Tarbiyat Conference	Tarbiyat Dept.	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
21-22 Oct Sat Sun	National Qur'an Conference	TaQWA Dept.	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
27-29 Oct, Fri to Sun	Majlis-e-Shura Lajna Ima'illah USA	Aux National Lajna Ima'illah	Atlanta Mosque, GA
3-13 Nov-Fri-Mon	Ashara Waṣiyyat.	National Wasaya Dept.	Jamā'at
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12 Nov, Sun, 8 PM EST	National Tarbiyat Webinar	National Tarbiyyat Dept.	Webinar
18 Nov Sat	National Annual Tarbiyat Conference	Tarbiyat Dept.	Bait ur Rahman Mosque, MD
18 Nov Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima	Waqf-e-Nau Dept	In Person / West & Central Regions
23-26 Nov, Thu-Sun	Thanksgiving – Long Weekend		Federal Holiday
1-10 Dec-Fri-Sun.	Salat Ashara	National Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
2-3 Dec, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
8-10 Dec Fri-Sun	Fazl-e-'Umar Qa'ideen Conf/Atfāl Refresher Course	Aux National MKA	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
9 Dec-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at.	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
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10 Dec Sun	Tarbiyat Webinar – 8 PM EDT.	Tarbiyat Dept.	Webinar
17 Dec-Sun	Know Your History	Isha'at Dept.	Webinar
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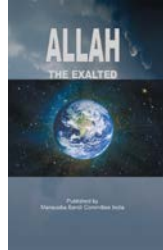
# Have you read all the books of the Promised Messiah?

May peace be upon him

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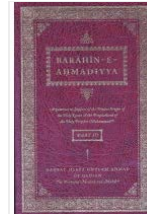
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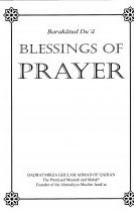
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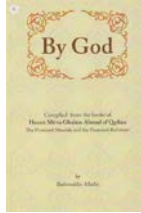
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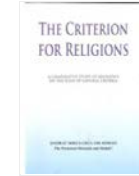
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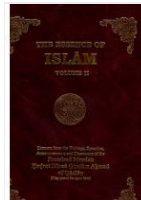
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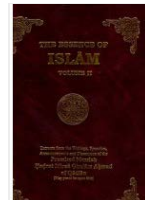
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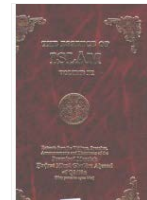
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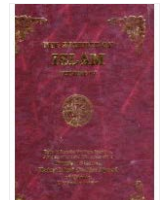
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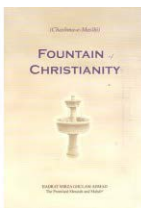
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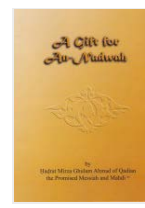
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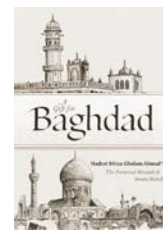
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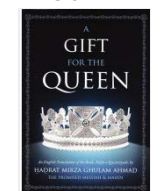
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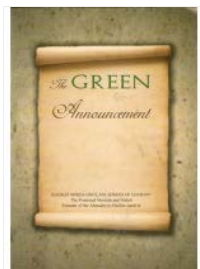
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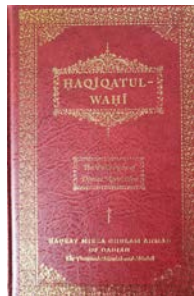
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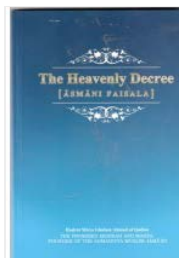
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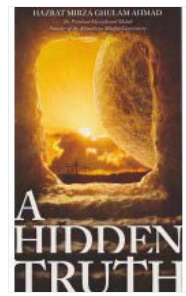
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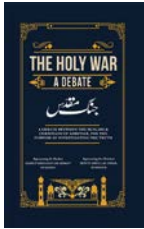
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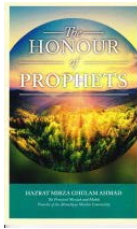
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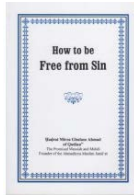
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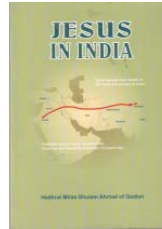
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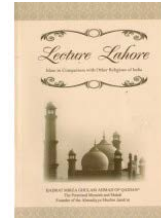
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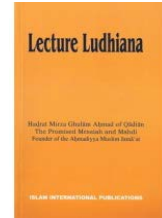
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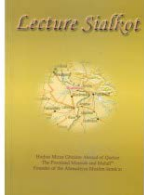
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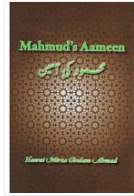
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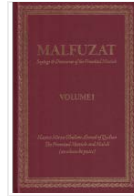
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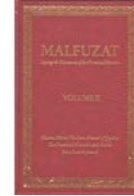
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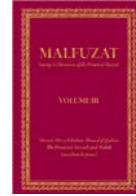
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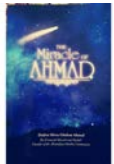
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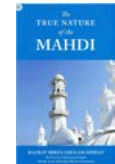
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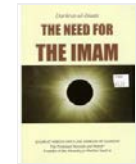
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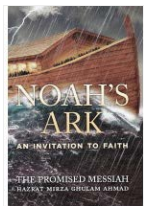
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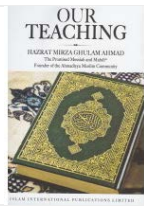
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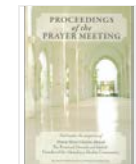
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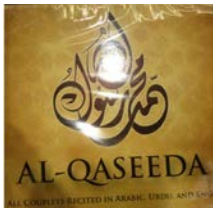
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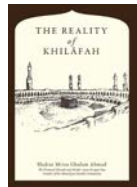
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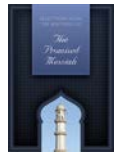
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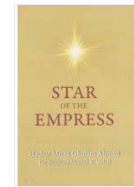
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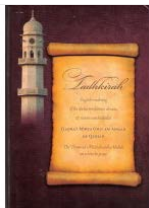
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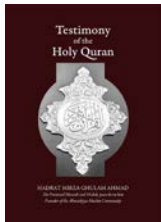
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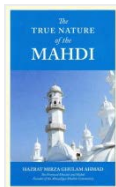
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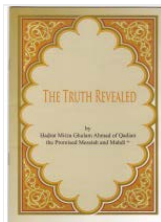
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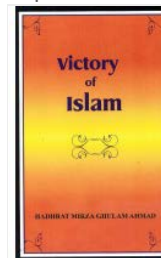
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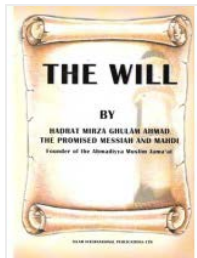
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