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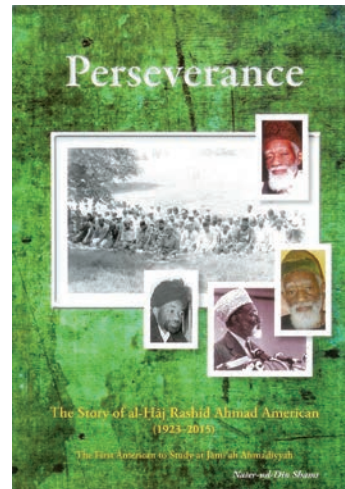
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(May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)
A.s./a: 'Alaihi-is-Salām
R.a.: Raḍiyallāhu 'Anhu/'Anha
(May Allah be pleased with him/her)
R.h.: Raḥimahullāhu Ta'ālā
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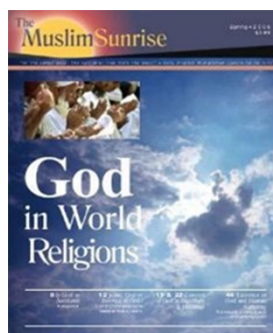
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Spending in the Name of Allah

Guidance from the Holy Qur'ān

وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَتَنْبِيئًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ بِرَبْوَةٍ أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَآتَتْ أُكُلَهَا ضِعْفَيْنِ ۗ فَإِن لَّمْ يُصِبْهَا وَابِلٌ فَطَلٌّ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ -

And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allah and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain suffices. And Allah sees what you do. (2[Al-Baqarah]:266)

Commentary: Spending money in the cause of Allah leads to the strengthening of the soul. The man who strives in the cause of God by spending his wealth imposes a burden on himself which makes him still more firm and steadfast in his faith. Besides, as he helps others with his money, God helps him and protects him from harm.

The hearts of the believers who spend freely in the cause of God are like elevated ground to which heavy rain, which sometimes proves harmful for low-lying grounds, can do no harm. On the other hand, it is benefited by rain, whether it is heavy or light.

In the verse under comment, rain represents charity. Those who spend large amounts are referred to in the words "heavy rain," while those who can afford to spend only small amounts in the cause of Allah are referred to in the words "light rain" [English translation of the Holy Qur'ān by Maulawi Sher Ali], [Commentary from the Holy Qur'ān with English Translation and Commentary (a.k.a. Five-Volume Commentary)]

Guidance from the Holy Prophet

May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَا مِنْ يَوْمٍ يُصْبِحُ الْعِبَادُ فِيهِ إِلَّا مَلَكَانِ يَنْزِلَانِ فَيَقُولُ أَحَدُهُمَا لِلَّهِمَّ أَعْطِ مُنْفِقًا خَلْقًا، وَيَقُولُ الْآخَرُ لِلَّهِمَّ أَعْطِ مُمْسِكًا تَلَقًا " .

Abu Hurairah narrates (may Allah be pleased with him) related that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: "Each morning two angels descend, one of them saying: 'Allah, bestow a (good) return upon the spender;' and the other saying: 'Allah, destroy the property of the miser.'" (Sahih al-Bukhari 1442, Kitāb Zakat, An Introduction to financial sacrifice, p. 5, Islam International Publications, UK, Edition 2005)


Exhortation of Ahmadi Children for Waqf-e-Jadid

Guidance from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III and Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV

May Allah shower His mercy on them

While inaugurating Daftar Atfāl in 1966, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower his mercy on him) said: "Today I appeal to all Ahmadi Children (boys and girls) to come forward and fill the gaps which have been left by your elders due to their laxity, and get rid of the weaknesses which have found their way into the work of Waqf-e-Jadid."

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower his mercy on him) said: "If children are made part of Waqf-e-Jadid at an early age, Allah increases their ability to offer other Chanda as well." (Introduction to financial sacrifice, p. 119, Islam International Publications, UK, Edition 2005)



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The Promised Messiah^{as} states:
"It is essential for those who can afford to undertake the journey, that they must come to attend this Convention which embodies many blessed objectives."
(Majmoo'ah Ishtiharat Vol. I page 340-341)

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Stay in my company to witness definite signs

Guidance from the Promised Messiah, may peace be on him



All sincere souls who have entered the fold of this humble one should know that the purpose of pledging allegiance is to dampen the worldly ardor, so that the heart is engulfed in the love of the Bountiful God and of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), and to develop such a state of detachment that the Final Journey does not seem an unwelcome prospect. But in order to achieve this, it is necessary to stay in my company and to spend a portion of one's life in this cause, so that—if God Almighty so wills—through witnessing

some definite signs, weakness, infirmity, and tardiness may be overcome and perfect faith may be born, resulting in fervor and passionate ardor. One should always strive to achieve this goal and pray that God may grant this opportunity. Until this happens, it is essential to meet me now and then. Bai'at is devoid of all blessings and is a mere formality if one does not care to meet me. Since—due to physical inability, lack of resources, and long distances—it is not possible for everyone to stay in my company or to visit me a few times every year, and most hearts are not yet endowed with such ardent desire that they should bear the greatest troubles and hardships for the meeting, it seems appropriate, therefore, that three days of every year should be fixed for a gathering in which all my devoted followers should—God willing—be present, with the condition of health, time and absence of strong impediments. So, in my opinion, these dates should be from 27th to 29th December. Hence, from this day, 30th December 1891, if we live to see the 27th of December, all our friends should, to the best of their ability, come and listen to Divine words and join us in supplication for the sake of Allah. This gathering will be devoted to the exposition of such truths and spiritual insight as are necessary for the promotion of faith and certainty and spiritual understanding, and there will be special prayers and attention for the participants. And to the best of our ability, we shall endeavor to supplicate at the threshold of the Most Merciful that He may draw them towards Him, may accept them, and may bring about a pious change in them. An additional benefit of these gatherings will be that each year new entrants to the Jamā'at shall, by being present on the fixed dates, get to know their brethren who had joined earlier. And these meetings will lead to a progressive strengthening of the bond of mutual love and affection. Prayers for absolution

will be offered for brothers who will have passed away in the interim, and supplications shall be made at the threshold of the Glorious God that He may unite all these brothers in spirit and banish all estrangement, dryness, and differences from amongst them.

This spiritual convention will have many other spiritual benefits which will become manifest from time to time. Those suffering from paucity of means would be well-advised to plan ahead for attending this, Jalsa. If they lay by a small sum on a daily or monthly basis, through planning and saving, they will have enough provisions for the journey, and it will seem as if the

journey was undertaken free of cost. Those who approve of the proposal should inform me now in writing so that a separate list can be made of those who are resolved, for the rest of their lives, to attend the gathering on the specified dates with all their heart and soul and with the greatest resolve—unless it is simply beyond their power and means to undertake the journey. May Allah grant a goodly reward to those who underwent the travails of travel to attend the convention which was held on 27th December 1891 for the purpose of religious consultations. Amen. (The Heavenly Decree, pp. 73-75, Islam International Publications, UK, Edition 2006)


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The Purpose of the Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme

Guidance from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (May Allah shower His mercy on him)



His Holiness(may Allah be his Helper) said that usually, the first Sermon in January is dedicated to announcing the new year of Waqf-e-Jadid. This is a scheme that was initiated by Hazrat Mirza Bashir-uddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) in 1957 with the initial purpose of spreading Islam to remote areas in Pakistan. Later, in the time of the Fourth Caliph (may Allah shower His mercy on him), this was

expanded to all countries. He instructed that the funds collected under this scheme from wealthier countries should be spent on developing countries such as in Africa. This also does not mean that those residing in developing countries do not contribute, rather their sacrifices are commendable. All those who make sacrifices understand that which has been mentioned in a Hadith-e-Qudsi [saying of the Holy Prophet as revealed to him by God Almighty], in which God told the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) that after giving one's wealth to God, they should remain content, for there is no fear of it being set ablaze or being stolen, rather it is safe. Any wealth given to God will be returned on a day when the person needs it the most. Hence, not only do financial sacrifices help one in this world, but in the hereafter as well. God states in the Holy Qur'an:

“And whatever of wealth you spend, it shall be paid back to you in full and you shall not be wronged.” (The Holy Qur'an, 2:273)

His Holiness(may Allah be his Helper) said that when God makes a promise, He fulfills it. He shows the fulfillment of His promise in this world, so that one may be content knowing that it will also be fulfilled in the hereafter. It is not like worldly businesses where one may invest their money, only to lose it, if only after a short period of gain. Institutions take the majority of the wealth, leaving people to lose the majority of their investments, as has recently been the case with people losing billions in bitcoin and cryptocurrencies. His Holiness(may Allah be his Helper) said that in any case, he considers cryptocurrency to be a form of gambling.

In terms of the percentage of those who presented donations per capita, the ranking is as follows:

1. USA
2. Switzerland
3. UK
4. Australia
5. Canada

(From Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V's Friday Sermon, 6 January 2023)



May Allah support him with His mighty help

3 November 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) recited verse 93 of Surah Aal-e-`Imran. The translation of which is: “Never shall you attain to righteousness unless you spend out of that which you love; and whatever you spend, Allah surely knows it well.” Khalifatul-Masih said that Allah has made it clear that the highest standards of virtue are achieved when a person spends out of that which they love. The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) also said that spending out of the wealth you love leads to true virtue. The companions of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) did not just happen to attain their rank, rather they did so only after a great deal of struggle. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V announced the start of the ninetieth year of Tahrik Jadid. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V described purpose and told some faith-inspiring incidents of the sacrifice of Tahrik Jadid.

The US Jamā‘at was in fourth position in Tahrik Jadid's contribution behind Germany, Britain, and Canada.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) urged not to forget the Palestinians in your prayers. He prayed that may Allah swiftly procure the means for their freedom from the grave injustices that the women and children in Palestine are facing.

10 November 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) continued to narrate incidents from the life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) relating to the Battle of Badr or events that took place thereafter.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V described a cemetery “Jannat al-Baqi’ which was established in Madina in 2 Hijri. He also talked about the two daughters of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and their marriages to Hazrat Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him). They passed away one after the other. Then Khalifatul-Masih briefly described the following expeditions:

1. The expedition of Dhi Amr
2. The expedition of Burhan
3. The expedition of Zaid bin Haritha

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) once again appealed for prayers for the people of Palestine. Now, at least some non-Muslims and certain politicians, though timidly, have started speaking out against this injustice. Even some Jewish people are separating themselves from these cruelties and have called upon the Israeli government saying that they are disgracing them. Hence, some small voices are being raised.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) led the funeral prayer in the absentia of Chaudhri Rashid Ahmad of California. He said: He was the former registrar at the university in Faisalabad. He loved the Khilafat a great deal and fulfilled every instruction. He was very trustworthy and honorable and always took any recognition of this to inform people that this was because of his faith in Ahmadiyyat. He was regular in offering financial sacrifices.

He was very loving and met everyone with a smile. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy and enable his children to carry on the legacy of his virtues.

17 November 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) continued to narrate incidents from the life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) relating to the Battle of Badr or events that took place thereafter.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) described in detail the execution of Ka'b bin Ashraf, one of the chieftains of Madina. He was included in the treaty ratified by the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). But he started openly spreading disorder and was ordered by the Prophet of Allah to be sentenced to death. He was killed on the instructions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) by Muhammad bin Maslamah (may Allah be pleased with him), Abu Na'ilah (may Allah be pleased with him), and two or three other companions.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that as he has been drawing attention to prayers for Palestine, he wishes to do the same again today. Everyone should continue praying. Now, the cruelties are exceeding all bounds. In the name of fighting against Hamas, innocent children, women, and elders are being killed. This so-called civilized world has abandoned all rules of war. May Allah the Almighty grant wisdom to the Muslim countries. He also prayed that may Allah have mercy on the world.

24 November 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that in various instances in his writings and sayings, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has mentioned the purpose of his advent and the need for the advent of the Messiah. He explained that the conditions of the world demanded that the Messiah's advent take place.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) who stated that the gradual disappearance of faith, sincerity, and truth called for his advent, and as such, God sent him so that the truth of faith may be re-established in the world and Islam may be saved from the attacks of philosophers, naturalist, atheists and the like. Islam faced many attacks in the 13th century, and people were leaving Islam, and those in Islam were mired in innovations and associating partners with God. As such, all the prevailing conditions demanded that God should send the Messiah.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V urged to continue praying for Palestinians. May Allah grant them salvation from the oppression they are facing. There is currently a pause in fighting so that essential materials may reach the people. But what will happen afterward? Will they kill those people after rendering them aid? Israel's intentions seem dangerous. One of their government advisors said that if fighting did not immediately commence after this pause, then he would leave the government. This is their mentality. Big powers do apparently express sympathy, but they do not wish to act with justice and are not serious in this matter. They think this will remain contained to that area, but those who are wise have started saying that the war will not remain confined to just that region, but rather will spread abroad to their countries as well. Muslim nations have started raising their voices, such as the Saudi king, who said that Muslims must unite and have one voice. The Muslims will certainly have to do so, and this will require a concerted effort. May Allah the Almighty enable this realization of theirs to come to practical fruition as well. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that a great deal of attention must be given to offering prayers.

In the end, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led the funeral prayers of Abdul Karim Qudsi of the USA, a renowned poet of the Jamā'at, and Nasima Laiq of the USA wife Syed Laiq Ahmad Shaheed who was martyred in Model Town, Lahore.

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Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V mentions US Ahmadis

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led the funeral prayer in absentia of the following US Ahmadis during May-November 2023. He prayed in the end:

“May Allah grant forgiveness to all the deceased and place them in close proximity to their loved ones. May Allah grant patience to their family members and enable them to keep their qualities alive. Amen”

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Shafiq Ahmed Jaskani (USA)

He passed away on September 19, 2022, at the age of 87. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He took the oath of allegiance in 1959. Hazrat Maulawi Abdullah Sanoori (may Allah be pleased with him) was the great-grandfather of his wife Shamim Jaskani. In 1982, he completed his Master's degree and worked as provincial president of the Pakistan Boy Scouts Association and then retired from there as national president. He moved to California, USA in 1971 and lived there until his death. He was a very pious, sincere and faithful man. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, and a son.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Muhammad Ahmad son of Malik Muhammad Nawaz (USA)

He passed away on November 30, 2022, at the age of 53. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. In 1930, his grandfather, Haji Rajada, went to Qadian and took the oath of allegiance at the hands of Hazrat Muslih Mau’ud (may Allah be pleased with him). The deceased was regular in five daily prayers and Tahajjud was used to recite the Holy Quran daily. He used to listen to Friday sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih regularly with his family. He was loyal and obedient to the Khilafat. He was also very fond of preaching and used to participate in Tabligh programs with his children. He was currently stationed in the United States, from where he moved with his family from Sri Lanka as a refugee in August 2018. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Riaz Ahmad Zahid son of Sufi Inayat Ullah Khan (Chuk Sikandar, District Gujrat) Currently USA

He passed away on December 26, 2022. 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 grandson of Hazrat Dr. Muhammad Abdulla Khan (may Allah be pleased with him), a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He apart from Qaid Majlis, Za’im Ansarullah, served the Jamā’at as local Naib Sadr and Secretary Sami’ wa Başari. In 1988, he moved from Pakistan to the United States. The deceased was a Musi. He is survived by his wife. He had no children.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Khanum Raffia Majeed wife of Majeed Ahmed Khan (Chicago) United States

She passed away on February 12, 2023, at the age of 86. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She was the granddaughter of Hazrat Mian Muhammad Khan Kapurthalvi, a companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), and the daughter of Khan Muhammad Ibrahim Khan (of Kapurthala). The deceased was an active member of the Jamā’at. She was regular in daily prayers. She was a pious and sincere elderly woman. She moved to the United States from Pakistan in 2008. She is survived by a son and three daughters.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Hafizullah Khan (Accountant, Finance Department of the US)

He passed away on February 21, 2023, at the age of 73. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His maternal grandfather, Hazrat Chaudhry Qaim Din (may Allah be pleased with him), was a companion of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him). He received his early education at Muhammadabad Sind State and then started a job at Punjab University, Lahore. During service, he obtained a master's degree in Islamic studies. After his retirement, he moved to the United States with his family in

1998 and served in the Finance Department USA and Shift in-charge at MTA Masroor Teleport Silver Spring, Maryland. For a long time, he administered homeopathic medicines to the members of the Jamā'at. He was regular in daily prayers. He was a man of humility, a gentle heart, very pious and sincere. He had memorized some parts of the Holy Quran and used to recite them in a melodious voice. He had a deep knowledge of Islam Ahmadiyyat and Nizam-e-Jamā'at and had a great love for Khilafat. He was a Musi. He is survived by two sons and a daughter. He was the brother of Hamid Ullah Khan (Missionary of the Jamā'at).

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Munira Sultan wife of Professor (Retd.) Sultan Ahmed Chaudhri (USA)

She passed away on March 4, 2023, at the age of 67. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His grandfather Chaudhry Faiz Bakhsh accepted Ahmadiyyat during the caliphate of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). She was a pious lady. She was regular in five daily prayers, regular in Chandajats, very cheerful, hospitable, and helping the poor. She was prominent in sacrifices. She served Lajna in every possible way. She was fond of Da'wat Illalah. She was Mūṣīyya. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Muhammad Nawaz Sial (USA)

He passed away on March 22, 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He had the opportunity to serve the Jamā'at in Pakistan as Qaid Majlis Wah Cantt, Qaid Alaqa Rawalpindi, General Secretary Jamā'at Quetta, Nazim Ansarullah Quetta, Naib Nazim Alaqa Rawalpindi, Secretary Ta'lim-ul-Qur'ān Islamabad and Secretary Finance. He was a good-natured person who was regular in five daily prayers and recitation of the Holy Quran, he was a pious person, who was peace-loving, well-mannered, gentle, hospitable, and participated in all the activities of people. He was a Musi. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and a daughter.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Chaudhry Ghulam Qadir (USA)

He passed away on April 15, 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 son of Hazrat Dr. Ghulam Mustafa (may Allah be pleased with him) and grandson of Hazrat Munshi Muhammad Din (may Allah be pleased with him). He moved to the United States in 1960. He was always at the forefront of services to the Jamā'at. He had a love for Khilafat and the system of Jamā'at. The deceased was a Musi. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Amatus Sami Shafiq daughter of Sheikh Naseer-ud-Din (Jamā'at-e-Charlotte USA)

On April 25, 2023, she died in a car accident at the age of 60. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.' (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She was the younger sister of Amatur-Rehman Ahmad (National Secretary of Education, Lajna Imā'illāh USA). His father, Sheikh Naseer-ud-Din, was a Waqif Zindagi who served as Muballigh in charge of Nigeria and Muballigh in charge of Zambia. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Prof. Mirza Bashir Ahmad (Nowshera Cantt. Currently Virginia USA)

He passed away on May 5, 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 son-in-law of Malik Saif-ur-Rehman (Mufti Silsila), son of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Rasool (may Allah be pleased with him), and brother of Mirza Maqsood Ahmed (former Amir Jamā'at Peshawar) and Mirza Abdul Hafeez Advocate (former President Jamā'at District and former President Bar Association Nowshera). The deceased was associated with the Education Department. In the early days of Ahmadiyya College Ghatalian, he was also a lecturer and principal there. He was very knowledgeable and loved people with this trait. In addition to mastering his subject philosophy, he was also an expert in the English language. His research

articles and commentaries were published in the English newspaper “Pakistan Times.” He had an extensive circle of literary people. He was an expert in conversing with people of every class and of all ages according to his nature and interest. In 1960, when the Ahmadiyya Inter-Collegiate Association was formed under the Majlis-e-Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya, he was elected its first president. Whenever a prominent foreign personality or delegation visited the Frontier Province, he used to join as a party representative on the occasion and introduced the Jamā’at and presented the translation of the Holy Quran and the literature of the Jamā’at. He was regular in daily prayers, helpful to the needy, a follower of the Khilafat, very sincere and faithful man. He served as Qaid Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya Nowshera, Qaid Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya District Peshawar, Nazim Ansarullah District Peshawar, President Jamā’at Nowshera and Amir Jamā’at District Nowshera. He was a Musi. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and a son.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Bashir Ahmad Pervaiz son of Raj Wali (Dumyal) Currently USA

On May 13, 2023, he died in the United States at the age of 89. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. Ahmadiyyat came to his family through his maternal grandfather Mistry Ghulam Ahmad (of Dumyal). He pledged allegiance at the hands of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). He was regular in five daily prayers and Tahajjud. He was a sincere and pious person. He recited the Holy Qur’ān daily. He had a great devotion for Khilafat and the family of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He came to Germany in 1979 and served the Jamā’at in various capacities. Although he was not a Muballigh, but lived his life in a simpler manner and like a Muballigh. The deceased was a Musi. He is survived by four daughters and two sons.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Malik Muhammad Ashraf (USA) son of Malik Barkat Ali (Former Amir Jamā’at Hafizabad)

He passed away on May 8, 2023, at the age of 86. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His father was the first Ahmadi in his family. He was regular in five daily prayers and was a pious and faithful person. He is survived by his wife, five daughters, and two sons. He was the brother of Major Mahmood Ahmed (Officer Hifazat-e-Khas, UK).

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Zubaida Begum wife of Qureshi Muhammad Aslam (Michigan) United States

She passed away on May 14, 2023, at the age of 77. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She was a pious woman who was regular to five-time prayers, regular in Chandajats, devoted to Ahmadiyya Khilafat, and deeply attached to the Jamā’at. She was Mūṣīyya. She is survived by five daughters and three sons. His son Mudassar Ahmed is currently serving as Qaid Tarbiyat Majlis Ansarullah Finland.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Ḥajjah Majeeda Abdullah (USA)

She passed away on May 21, 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. The deceased hailed from Hyderabad, India. Her parents died at a young age. After this, Khalil Nasir (former missionary in charge of America) took over his responsibility. She got the opportunity to accept Islam Ahmadiyyat. She was named Majeeda Abdullah. The mother tongue of the deceased was Telegu. She learned Arabic and Urdu languages with hard work and dedication so that she could read the Holy Quran. After partition in 1947, she moved to Karachi and then to the United States. In 1965, she was married to the late Chaudhry Ghulam Qadir. After separating from her husband in 1970, she raised her two young children alone. In 1997, she was able to perform Hajj with her son and then joined the Nizam-e-Waṣīyyat. The deceased always trusted Allah Almighty and relied on prayers in all matters of her life. She lived a very simple life and actively participated in the financial sacrifice.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Fehmida Begum wife of Bashir Ahmed Siddiqui (Rabwah), Currently residing in Los Angeles, USA

She died in the United States on June 4, 2023, at the age of 86. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to

Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His father Fazal Karim was the only Ahmadi in his family. She was a regular in five daily prayers and Tahajjud, recited the Holy Quran daily, was devoted to the service of Ahmadiyyat, sympathized with the poor, and obeyed the Ahmadiyya Khilafat. She was a pious lady and was Mūṣīyya. She is survived by five sons. She was the mother of renowned Jamā‘at poet and regional Amir Bait-ul-Fatuh Mubarak Ahmed Siddiqui. One of his sons, Shakeel Siddiqui, was a missionary in Burkina Faso and died there at the age of 29. One of his grandsons, Mustafa Siddiqui (missionary), is currently working at Arabic Desk UK.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Ijaz Ahmed Malik (Maryland) United States

He passed away on July 22, 2023, at the age of 83. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. He worked as deputy director of the Agriculture Department in The Frontier Province of Pakistan and lived a very honest and simple life. In the Mardan district, he was able to serve as the Qaid Majlis Khuddāmul-Ahmadiyya and Secretary Revenue Charsadda Jamā‘at. He moved to the United States in 1992 and served as local secretary for a long time. He had a very loyal and devotional relationship with the Khilāfah and always exhorted his children to remain associated with the Khilafat. He also had the pleasure of Umrah. The deceased was a Musi and had also paid the share of property in his life. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters. One of his grandsons, Danish Ahmad Malik, is studying in the third grade at Jami‘a Ahmadiyya, Canada. He was the younger brother of Masood Malik (Naib Ameer of America).

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Masuda Khanum wife of Malik Muzaffar Ahmad (Maryland USA)

She passed away on June 23, 2023, at the age of 82. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.’ (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. She was the daughter-in-law of Hazrat Malik Ali Haider (may Allah be pleased with him). She was a devoted, hospitable, hardworking, sincere, pious, compassionate, and sincere woman. She endured a long illness with great patience and courage. She was Mūṣīyya. He is survived by four sons and three daughters.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Abdul Karim Qudsi

Abdul Karim Qudsi was a renowned poet in the Community. His marriage was announced by the Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him). He is survived by four children. One of his sons is a missionary and serving as a professor in Jamia Ahmadiyya Rabwah. Abdul Karim Qudsi served the Community in different capacities. He was a good poet and a compilation of his poetry had been published. He also rendered the poetic Urdu and Punjabi translation of the Promised Messiah’s famous Arabic poem in praise of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). He loved the Khilafat a great deal and instilled the same love in his progeny. May Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V leads the funeral prayer in absentia of Nasima Laiq of USA wife of Laiq Ahmad Shaheed

Nasima Laiq of USA, wife of Syed Laiq Ahmad Shaheed, who was martyred in Model Town Lahore. Her father was not Ahmadi but her mother converted to Ahmadiyyat and their daughters were also married into Ahmadi households. She was very kind and compassionate. She loved the Khilafat. She always enjoined her children to abstain from vain things. She is survived by four sons and four daughters. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V prayed that may Allah grant her forgiveness and mercy and enable her children to carry on the legacy of her virtues.



Khilafat News

United Nations faces collapse amidst World War

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) warns of escalating tensions following oppression against Palestine

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper), while urging for continuous prayers for Palestinians, said in Friday Sermon dated 17 November 2023:

As I have been mentioning in my recent sermons about praying for the Palestinians, I wish to reiterate the same today. Continue your prayers.

Now, the extent of oppression has reached its limits. Innocent children, women, the elderly, and the sick are being killed under the pretext of war with Hamas. All norms and rules of warfare have been disregarded by this so-called civilized world. May Allah grant wisdom to Muslim countries as well.

Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him), warned over 72 or 73 years ago that Muslims need to unite; they have to decide whether they want to die one by one or maintain their existence and survive as a united entity. If only these people [Muslims] could understand this now and unite as one.

The situation is such that I have been informed that those going to Umrah are being told not to discuss the Palestine-Israel conflict. This directive comes from the government issuing the visas. If this is true, it reflects extreme cowardice on the part of that Muslim

government.

Nevertheless, one should duly observe the sanctity of Umrah, and during it, such matters are not to be discussed, but prayers for the oppressed Palestinians must be offered, and those going for Umrah should remember to do so.

The voices of Muslim governments are very weak nowadays. Occasionally, they do raise their voices, but stronger voices are being raised by some non-Muslim people, politicians, and governments. May Allah grant courage and wisdom to the Muslims.

The UN Secretary-General is speaking well these days, but it seems his words carry no weight.

It appears that if this conflict escalates further and acquires the form of a World War, then, after its conclusion, the UN might also come to an end. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said:

“May Allah grant wisdom to the world. It seems the world is drawing closer to its destruction. And after this destruction, may those who survive turn towards Allah and pay heed to Him. We must pray a lot in this regard. May Allah have mercy on the world.” (Adapted from Al-Hakam 17 November 2023)

Speak the truth and courageously oppose oppression wherever it exists

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V meets Wāqifin-e-Nau from Belgium



On 12 November 2023, a group of Wāqifin-e-Nau from Belgium had the opportunity to meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) in a virtual Mulaqat.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V then enquired about the mosque in which they were seated, to which he was informed that they were at Baitul Mujeeb Mosque, Brussels.

Following this, the Wāqifin-e-Nau had the chance to ask some questions and seek guidance from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper).

The first question presented to Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) was: In which field of research should Wāqifin-e-Nau engage? Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) responded that they should explore various research domains, including science, history, and archives, and should also delve into research about the ark of Prophet Noah (peace be on him) and medicine.

Upon being asked at what age one should enter the system of Waṣīyyat, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) responded that individuals may do so at the age of 15 and renew it at the age of 17-18 as and when they mature. It is recommended to read the book The Will, understand its contents, and grasp what the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) expects from his followers and why he initiated this system.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) was then asked how one can increase their love and loyalty for the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said, “Recite the Durood Sharif and understand its meaning.” If one recites the Durood to understand its meaning, then this will be a means of increasing one’s love and loyalty to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) added that the Promised Messiah once said that one night, he recited the Durood continuously with such fervor that he saw, in a vision, that angels said, “This is the man who loves the Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of Allah.” [Tadhkirah, p. 55]

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V added that in this era, Allah sent the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) as the most ardent servant of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). He was sent to revive the true Islam that people had either forgotten or embellished with innovations and to establish a Jamā‘at.

Alluding to today’s critical state of the world, a Waqif-e-Nau asked how one can prepare themselves for the future.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) replied that one should pray that Allah safeguards them and that it does not escalate into a global war. He said that if it does escalate, then one should pray to Allah that their faith remains strong and that their faith does not give way to fear.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V stated that if someone has embraced Islam Ahmadiyyat sincerely in his heart but cannot openly express it due to his circumstances, Allah, being Merciful and Compassionate, may forgive them if He wills. However, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be

his Helper) emphasized that the continuous use of abusive language against the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) is not acceptable.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V was asked how one can help the people of Palestine while also praying.

In response, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) said that first and foremost, one should pray, as there is immense power in prayer. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) added that one can also contribute to charity and added that Humanity First is

Muslim nations are failing to unite:

Ahmadis from Albania meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V



On Sunday, 5 November 2023, Ahmadis from Albania had the blessed opportunity to meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) in a virtual Mulaqat.

As the Ahmadis from Albania were seated in the mosque, Baitul Awwal. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih inquired about the construction date. In response, he was informed that it was inaugurated in 2003. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said, “It’s a spacious mosque, but there are few people. Make an effort to fill it with more people.”

Sali Beja asked Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) about black magic.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) remarked that these matters are mere superstitious thinking. It is inherent in human psychology that continuous contemplation of a certain matter can lead one to believe in it. To counter such superstitious thinking, one must seek God’s forgiveness, recite Istighfar, and also recite. لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) added that in life, there are ups and downs; people hear both

assisting in humanitarian efforts, and donations can be made there too.

In the end, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) addressed Muneer Ahmad Anjum, Secretary Waqf-e-Nau, saying, “May Allah enable you to provide good Tarbiyat for the [members of] Waqf-e-Nau, and may they steadfastly carry out their waqf and Allah grant them the opportunity to excel in religious knowledge.”(Adapted from report prepared by Al-Hakam dated 15 November 2023)

good and bad news. When one receives good news, they should express gratitude to Allah, and if they receive bad news, they should pray and give Sadqa. “It is also extremely important to give Sadqa,” he emphasized. When people give Sadqa, Allah alleviates their hardships and worries. He stressed that individuals should both pray and give Sadaqat.

Regarding those Muslims who anticipate the arrival of the Mahdi, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) pointed out that some expect a blood-thirsty Mahdi who uses force to achieve his goals. He then rhetorically asked, what could be accomplished through the use of the sword?

Referring to the ongoing tensions in the Holy Land, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) mentioned that Muslims have not been able to unite and assist the Palestinians. They are awaiting the arrival of the Mahdi to assist. However, he clarified that the Mahdi, as prophesied by the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), is destined to come to establish peace.

Considering the spread of Islam Ahmadiyyat, Hazrat

Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) emphasized that one should strive, pray, and instill this spirit in the upcoming generations so that they, too, will work towards its propagation.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V mentioned that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) emphasized reading the first and last 10 verses of this chapter daily. In these verses, we find teachings about the establishment of monotheism, the rejection of the trinity, and the belief in the oneness of Allah. He explained that the Surah speaks of the oneness of God, directing their focus solely towards Allah while refraining from worldly attractions. Furthermore, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V pointed out that on Fridays, it is recommended to recite Surah al-Jumu'ah, which is especially relevant in the current times. In this Surah, there is a prophecy regarding the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), and it also underscores the significance of Friday. Considering the context of Surah al-Kahf, it becomes evident why we are encouraged to recite it frequently, he concluded.

Saboor Ahmed Ghori, 12, asked why it was said that Ahmadis should not pray behind a non-Ahmadi Muslim imam.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) explained that during the time of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), some people used to pray behind non-Ahmadis. However, when the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) learned that certain clerics declared it a sin to pray behind Ahmadis and they, the clerics, had then prohibited it, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) advised that since they had declared this, Ahmadis should also refrain from praying behind them. He added that the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) emphasized that Ahmadis had more reason to abstain from offering their prayers behind these clerics and Imams because Ahmadis had accepted the very Messiah foretold by the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and the Imam raised by God, fulfilling the Holy Prophet's prophecy, while they had rejected the

Imam sent by Allah.

Markelian Shparthi asked what efforts should be made to involve the new members, especially the youth, in the Jamā'at.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) mentioned that in this age, people's focus is often not on spirituality or Allah. Therefore, we should strive to bring people closer and foster a personal connection with Allah. To achieve this, those who embraced Ahmadiyyat 10-15 years ago should share their experiences and instances of answered prayers with the youth. They should also narrate historical events related to Islam Ahmadiyyat, as well as various incidents as narrated by him, in order to strengthen the faith of the youth. When this occurs, it will naturally draw them to the mosque.

In addition to this, organizing indoor games and interactive programs can help address questions that arise in the minds of youth. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) added that individuals should cultivate high moral values within themselves, which will attract others when they observe these morals.

Eliona ÇelaIs asked if it was permissible to participate in a peaceful protest when children, women, and innocent people are being killed in Palestine, Ukraine, or even Israel.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) responded, "Yes, you can certainly participate." However, he cautioned that sometimes those who organize such protests may include fanatics who turn peaceful protests into forceful ones. He explained that if the protest is peaceful, then one may participate. Nevertheless, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper) asked Ahmadis to write letters to ambassadors and politicians advocating for Palestinians and oppressed individuals, expressing their desire for global peace. The meeting ended with a silent prayer led by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (Allah be his Helper). (Adapted from a report prepared by Al-Hakam)

If the Israel-Palestine issue persists, blocs will widen and evolve into a Third World War

Ahmadis from Kosovo meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper



On Sunday, 29 October 2023, Ahmadis from Kosovo had the blessed opportunity to meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) in a virtual Mulaqat.

Amar Zeqiraj, who is 9 years old asked Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper): "Why it is necessary to read the Holy Quran."

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) responded, "Allah the Almighty revealed the Noble Quran as the final *Shari'ah* (Islamic jurisprudence)." Within it, we are taught what is necessary to be a good human being, a devout Muslim, the ways to worship Allah, and

what it takes to become a true worshipper of Allah. It also contains guidance on various matters concerning life and the good morals one must adopt. This is the final *Shari'ah* that Allah revealed to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Allah the Almighty has emphasized the importance of reading, understanding, and earnestly striving to implement its teachings.

Next, a Lajna member, Arbëreshë Sahiti Yvejsi, shared with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) that she works as a saleswoman and has scheduled shifts at her job. She also mentioned that, as a result of her work, she often finds herself rushing through her prayers. She expressed concern that this has become a habit and asked Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V for guidance.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) replied that Allah has made the five daily prayers obligatory, to be offered at different times throughout the day, to remind people to remember God and fulfill their duty of worshipping Allah. He explained that, as a saleswoman, she doesn't work round the clock; her shifts typically last between 6 to 8 hours. He pointed out that during these shifts, only one or two prayers would coincide with her working hours. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih, referring to the prayers that don't align with her work schedule, emphasized the importance of offering them attentively.

Besmir Yvejsi mentioned that he entered the Bai'at and became an Ahmadi Muslim in 2015 and was a student of Islamic studies. He expressed that some of his fellow students would accuse him of converting solely to gain financial benefits from the Jamā'at. He enquired how he should respond to such an accusation.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V explained that the response to such an accusation is quite straightforward. Since the Jamā'at has never provided him with any financial support, he can confidently assert that he has received no money from the Jamā'at. It's the opposite; he contributes to Chanda as a financial sacrifice.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said, "At present, it

appears that humanity is unwilling to heed the Words of Allah or His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), and they also seem unprepared to fulfill the obligations owed to Allah and His people,"

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said that with regard to the current situation of the world, "If this persists, blocs will widen, and, as I have warned previously, the situation will evolve into a Third World War, with grave consequences."

Regarding financial sacrifices Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said: "The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) emphasized that one should share a portion of their earnings in the way of Allah, contribute to Chanda and Sadqa, and take care of those in need, and by doing so, Allah bestows His blessings upon their earnings. Additionally, one should make diligent and honest efforts in their work.

In the end, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said, always remember Allah, work with integrity, shun deceit, contribute a portion of your earnings in the path of Allah, and put in earnest effort.

Alban Zeqiraj enquired from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) about the appropriate response when a child engages in undesirable behavior, seeking guidance on the appropriate action or punishment to help the child understand.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) replied that if a child has misbehaved for the first time, it is best not to administer punishment initially. Expressing anger or punishing a child is not effective, as children are still learning. Therefore, it is advisable to teach them with kindness and compassion. He stated that the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) has explained that rather than resorting to punishment and anger if parents pray for their children, it can positively influence their upbringing. Furthermore, he added, that if parents set a good example and ensure their children understand the difference between good and bad deeds, the child is less likely to engage in misbehavior from the outset. (Adapted from a report prepared by Al-Hakam)

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International News of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Liberia holds 15th Majlis-e-Shura



The 15th Majlis-e-Shura of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Liberia was convened on 28 May 2023 at the Shah Taj Ahmadiyya High School in Monrovia.

One hundred and sixty-seven attended the *Shura*, including central and local missionaries as well as members of the national Amila and representatives of the auxiliaries.

The event was presided over by the Amir and missionary in charge of

Liberia, Naveed Ahmed Adil. He addressed the audience and emphasized the importance and blessings of the *Shura* system, as well as gave a detailed description of how it operates.

This was followed by the formation of the subcommittees to discuss the proposals. There was a brief break for prayers and lunch following the establishment of the committees. Following that, all committees met at the designated

locations. At 3 P.M., the second session commenced. The chairmen of the subcommittees then delivered their recommendations to the house. The delegates present in the house were also allowed to express their views, and all the recommendations were approved.

Finally, *Shura* concluded with silent prayer. (Farrukh Shabbir Lodhi, Missionary, Liberia)

Ahmadiyya Jamā'at Switzerland holds 41st Annual Convention 2023



The 41st Annual Convention of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at Switzerland was held from 15-17 September 2023 in twenty-four small and big marquees and Noor Hall. The theme of the convention was Qur'an.

The message of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) was read with Urdu and

German translations. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said: May Allah bless your convention with remarkable success and all the participants get immense spiritual blessings and you progress in goodness, purity, and piety.

A series of scholarly and training speeches on the central theme of the

Qur'an was delivered during three days.

A total of 892 members of the Jamā'at attended this blessed gathering. (Adapted from the report prepared by Sabah-ud-Din Butt, representative al-Fazal International)

Ahmadi youth donate blood in Riga, Latvia



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Latvia organized its first blood donation program in Riga, the capital of Latvia. Jazib Ahmad Shahid, Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, and Khaqan Ahmad Saim, Secretary Tabligh Latvia, visited the State Blood Donation Centre in Riga, where they discussed with the center's administration the Ahmadiyya Community's intention to donate blood for the local people.

The administrative staff of the Blood Donation Centre expressed happiness and welcomed the initiative, stating that we could visit any day for the donation.

After consultation, 19 September 2023 was chosen as the day for the blood donation. Eight members of the Jamā'at participated. Four individuals donated blood after initial tests and

other necessary procedures.

In Latvia, blood donors receive compensation from the government. However, when the members of the Jamā'at were asked for their bank account details for compensation, they clarified that they did not want any payment. Their sole purpose was to donate blood for the pleasure of Allah and to alleviate the suffering of humanity. The staff were pleased

with this response, appreciating the Jamā'at's selfless dedication.

At the end of the program, a group photo was taken with the staff of the Blood Donation Center,

AMC Argentina holds an exhibition at the Cordoba Book Fair

From 5 to 16 October 2023, a book fair was held in Cordoba, the second-largest city in Argentina. Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) Argentina, like every year, was able to participate in this book fair.

Two local members from Argentina and one local member from Bolivia dedicated their time as volunteers to help during the book fair.

AMC Argentina had the opportunity to present at our stand

capturing the memorable occasion. Furthermore, Jamā'at's literature in the Latvian language, along with pens engraved with the message of "Love for All, Hatred for None" were presented as gifts. Refreshments

the translation of the Holy Quran in various languages and different Islamic literature in Spanish. During the book fair, hundreds of people were introduced to the true Islamic teachings and the advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). The most appealing book on display was, for many visitors, the Holy Quran in large Arabic text, as it was their first time seeing the Quran in person. Some read the translation, and others could not help but be amazed by the calligraphy, while others wanted to hear the recitation

were also offered to the blood donors after the program. (Marghoob Ahmad, Secretary Isha'at, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Latvia)

of the Holy Quran in Arabic.

As part of the exhibition, our missionary from Bolivia, Aṭāul Manan, held a presentation on "Islam: A Religion of Peace."

Overall, the exhibition was a great success. More than 1500 people visited the Jamā'at stall, and over 100 people left their personal contact information so that they could be invited to future events and learn more about Islam Ahmadiyyat. (Report by Marwan Sarwar Gill, Missionary, Argentina)

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Lithuania holds first ever Annual Convention



Annual Convention Lithuania was held on 13-14 October 2023, at Medininkų g. 5, 13266, Motiejūškės km, Vilnius. This site encompassed two sizeable halls and 15 rooms, all equipped with essential facilities. Translations of all programs were provided in Lithuanian, English, and Urdu. A total of 132 friends attended the convention. The theme of the first-ever Jalsa Salana Lithuania was, "Khilafat Aman-e-Alam ki

Zamin" (Khilafat – Guarantor of World Peace), which was prominently displayed in written form on the main stage.

The first speech of the meeting titled "Importance of Khilafat" was delivered by Hafiz Masroor Ahmad Qamar. Then distinguished guests were introduced, including members of parliament, ambassadors, and mayors.

Gift bags based on party literature were presented as gifts to all the guest speakers.

A Tabligh stall was also set up on the occasion of the Jalsa Salana Lithuania, where the Jamā'at's literature published in local languages over the previous years was kept for non-Ahmadi visitors. This literature included an array of books, tracts and leaflets addressing

various subjects and issues, i.e., An Elementary Study of Islam, The Holy Prophet's (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) Kindness to Children, Women in Islam, Golden Principle for World Peace, Unity of World as Key to Peace, Islam's Response to Extremism, Teachings of Islam, True Concept of Jihad, etc.

On 14 October 2023 – the second day of Jalsa Salana

Lithuania, the Lithuanian National Radio Channel LRT gave coverage in the form of a 10-minute live interview about the aims and objectives of the Jalsa, highlighting the speeches about peace and the role of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the ever-changing situation of the world. By the grace of Allah, the Almighty, the message of our Jalsa and the introduction of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at reached

thousands of people in Lithuania.

Members of the Jamā'at from nine different countries, i.e., Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Norway, Georgia, Germany, Poland, the UK, and Belarus, joined the first annual convention. A total of 75 Ahmadi and 57 non-Ahmadi guests participated in Jalsa Salana Lithuania. (Adapted from the report by Wakalat Tabshir, UK)

Ahmadis unite Jews and Arabs at Haifa Ahmadiyya Mosque

“We are not adversaries; we are allies. Together, we achieve success.,” a Jew guest said.



Social media posts are being shared of the Jew-Arab gatherings hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Haifa. People from across the world have expressed that the sight of Jews and Arabs coming together in a period of extreme tensions and fear has been a ray of hope and delight amid tensions and fear.

In reality, our community in Haifa has recently hosted three separate gatherings of Jews and Arabs that have created a beautiful sense of harmony.

To get a taste of how the guests felt, here is what two Jewish guests said:

“In my view, this gathering serves as a significant testament that demonstrates to the Islamic community, the Jewish community, and the global community at large that we can engage in meaningful dialogue that brings us

together. We are not adversaries; we are allies. Together, we achieve success.”

The second guest expressed:

“This event brought a smile to my face when I was in a difficult emotional state and lacked the will to even smile. After hearing the address of the Amir of the community [in the Holy Land], I feel a profound sense of relief. It was my first time meeting him, and I must say he is an exceptional individual. I wholeheartedly wish he could lead our country as Prime Minister.”



(The 'Standing-Together' organization was able to host their Arab-Jew harmony initiative in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque, Haifa)

The venue of inter-faith Arab-Jew meetings has been the Ahmadiyya Mahmud Mosque in Haifa along with the new Masroor Centre complex.



The first meeting brought religious leaders together and was a collaboration between the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the Haifa Laboratory for Religious Studies, taking place on 30 October 2023. Representatives from various faiths, including Jewish Rabbis, Christian Pastors, Muslim Imams, Druze Imams, and even a Buddhist Monk, came together. They unanimously agreed on the importance of coexistence as a shared value to work towards.

The following day, we held another interfaith event in which we reached out to all Jewish and Muslim neighbors through text messages and social media promotions: 5,000 advertisements were printed and distributed within a few days, reaching people in the surrounding areas.

600 local Jews and Arabs came together in this event – a number that exceeded expectations, given the prevailing conditions in the country. These numbers were unprecedented as even in our recent Jalsa Salana (annual gathering) we only saw 450 attendees. With the large numbers of Arabs and Jews, our main hall rapidly reached its capacity, necessitating the use of all the additional spaces we had in our mosque complex.



Amir of the Holy Lands, Muhammad Sharif Odeh emphasized Islam's condemnation of attacks on innocent people and highlighted the true teachings of Islam, which promote "Love for All, Hatred for None." He urged Jewish guests not to justify unjust retaliation in the name of revenge.

He said:

"It is haram [unlawful] to kill civilians and innocent people – this is not the right way, there are other solutions, without weapons. Muslims and Jews have lived together for more than 1300 years, and Jews were given their rights under Muslim rule. They gained an identity, status, and position that they never got anywhere else. It was under the Muslim rule that they had these rights and they were respected. So, we lived together in coexistence for more than 1300 years. Muslims and Jews should know that not speaking up in the face of oppression destroys the human feelings in our hearts and stops us from feeling empathy towards the pains and suffering of each other."



Overall, the attendees expressed their relief and newfound hope, sharing how the program eased their fears in these challenging times. This bold and courageous initiative was a testament to the community's commitment to promoting peace and unity in the face of adversity.

Additionally, the Mahmud Mosque played a pivotal

role in supporting the “Standing Together” organization (@omdimbeyachad) which had initially faced rejection while seeking a venue in Haifa to hold a Jew-Arab event. Our Mahmud Mosque provided the space they needed and welcomed Arabs and Jews alike, united in their desire for peace and coexistence. This event also saw all our spaces being filled to the brim.

Both organizers and guests commended the mosque’s role in hosting the event, underscoring that it reflected Islamic teachings that led to these gatherings.

This act of unity and inclusivity serves as a beacon of hope in a region marred by discord and conflict, embodying the message of “Love for All, Hatred for None.” The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the Holy Land has a long history of efforts towards peace and

reconciliation amongst Jews and Arabs and we will continue in this essential endeavor, In-‘Sha-Allah. (Report by Imaduddin Al-Misri, Kababir, Haifa, adapted from Al-Hakam 10 November 2023)



Sir Dr Iftikhar Ahmad Ayaz KBE inaugurates Baitul Basit Mosque, Sri Lanka



Sir Dr Iftikhar Ahmad Ayaz KBE inaugurated Baitul Basit Mosque on Colombo-Kandy Road on 27 October 2023. S Nizam Khan, National President of Ahmadiyya Jamā‘at Sri Lanka welcomed the guests and their delegation.

S Nizam Khan delivered a welcome speech about this mosque and said that Hazrat Khalifatul-

Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him) visited Sri Lanka in 1983 and instructed the Jamā‘at to buy one acre of land in this area. Two acres of land were bought in 1996. In the beginning, the existing building was used as a prayer hall. With the permission of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper), the foundation stone was laid in 2005 by the late Muhammad Umar

of South India during his visit to Sri Lanka. A two-story building was constructed and was used for salat.

The mosque construction was completed with a three-story building along with a dome and a minaret. This mosque can accommodate around 800 worshippers. (A Abdul Aziz, Sri Lanka Correspondent)

Ahmediyya Jamā'at Finland attends Helsinki Book Fair and unveils historic translation of Qur'ān



Jamā'at Ahmediyya Finland was able to set up a stall at Messukeskus, the largest book fair held in Helsinki, the capital of Finland, on October 26-29, 2023. About 88,000 people participated in Finland's largest book fair this year.

Translations of the Holy Quran in different languages were kept in the stall. Apart from this, books published in English of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), Caliph of Ahmadiyyat, and Jamā'at on various topics were also kept on the bookstall, some of which were also distributed free of cost. A total of 88,000 people attended the fair.

This year's biggest and most historic occasion of this stall was the launch and exhibition of the translation of the Holy Quran into the Finnish language. Al-Hamdu-Lillah, this auspicious project, which has been going on for eight years, has been completed and we have been able to give this gift to the pilgrims. Many Finnish people took a special interest in it. (Sabah-ud-Din Butt. Representative al-Fazal International Switzerland)

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Ahmadiyya Jamā'at Denmark participates in the largest book fair



This year the Book Fair was held in Denmark from November 3-5, 2023 at the Bella Center Copenhagen. It is currently Denmark's largest book fair. It includes publishers, writers, journalists, and people from literature.

The book fair was held this year

after the coronavirus epidemic and various incidents of desecration of the Holy Quran in Denmark. Keeping this in mind, the Danish translation of the Holy Quran was prominently presented at the Jamā'at stall. Similarly, a book published in Danish on the life of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of

Allah be on him) also remained the center of attraction. Other literature published in Danish was also available at the stall, which was provided to the people free of cost. (Adapted from a report by Muhammad Akram Mahmood representative Al-Fazl International Denmark)

Palestinian Ambassador calls for ceasefire in Gaza at Voices for Peace event in the UK Parliament



The Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association UK conducted a Voices for Peace event at the House of Commons on 15 November 2023. Journalists and media

representatives were invited to the event where Mr. Hussam Zomlot (Ambassador to the United Kingdom for Palestine) and other politicians talked about the plight of

Palestinians and the immediate need for peace in the world.

Following this, a series of guests were given the platform to talk about the importance of uniting at this

time and the need for peacefully raising our voices to bring about effective solutions amid the violations of human rights being witnessed in Palestine.

Rt. Hon. Ed Davey took to the stage and after expressing his admiration for the works of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, he expounded on the fact that there is a dire need to bring about a solution to this problem, and indeed anything that threatens world peace, and he encouraged Ahmadis to do their utmost to play their role in establishing justice.

After this, Mr. Hussam Zomlot delivered a heartfelt address to the audience regarding the question of Palestine and Israel, and how important it is for supporters of Palestine to raise their voices in this dreadful time. He called for an immediate ceasefire, and said that "the world is listening." He added that how we act today will determine which side of history we'll be on in the future.

Following this, Khalil Yusuf delivered a short presentation on

human rights and the teachings of Islam regarding them. He elaborated on Islam's teachings during warfare and its promotion of peace.

Then Ibrahim Ikhlaq spoke about the contribution and guidance of Ahmadiyya Khilafat about the cause of Palestine. He mentioned the foresight and sheer wisdom of the Khulafā and gave examples and instances where guidance was provided on complicated geopolitical situations.

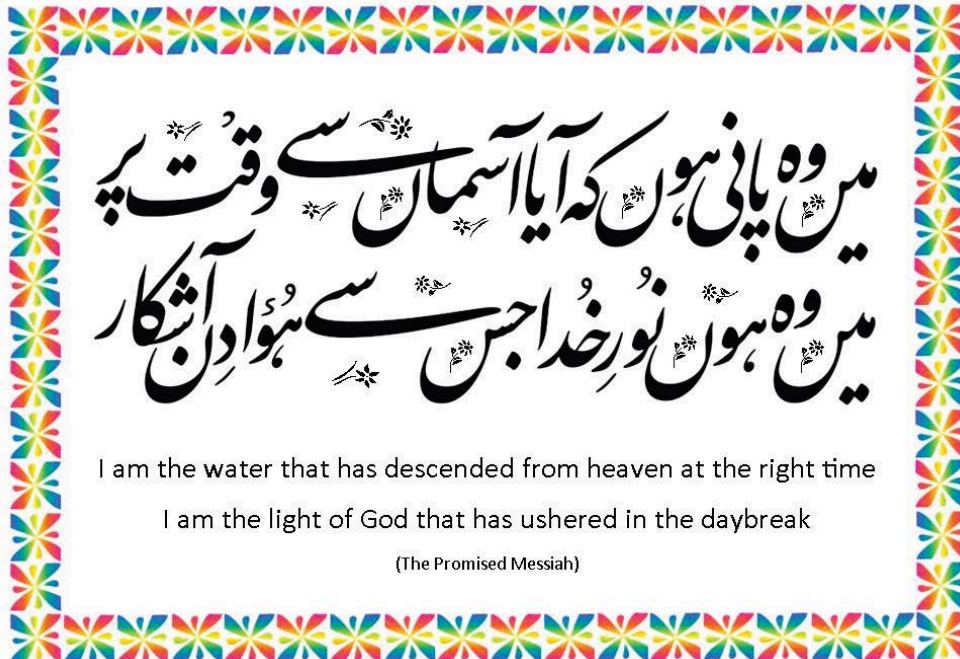
Amjad Mahmood Khan then delivered a short address on the efforts of Hazrat Zafrulla Khan (may Allah be pleased with him) for the Palestinian cause and gave specific examples when his impeccable political farsightedness proved to be true. He was an integral voice for Palestine in one of its most difficult times, and his voice remains one of the few voices in the political theatre that were, are, and will be on the right side of history.

Mr. Karim Khan of the ICC sent a video address, in which he talked about the various people around the world who had been suffering and in

particular the people of Gaza and Palestine. He said that we must not turn a blind eye to the wrongdoings that are being committed on both sides, and we must not stand for any sort of injustice.

Abdul Quddus Arif, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association, was next to speak. He highlighted the guidance and wisdom Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) has imparted regarding the ongoing Palestine-Israel issue. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) has time and again said that without true justice, there can be no peace in the world. And if we want to see a solution to the atrocities we see in the world today, the world must unite together and shun all forms of injustice.

Following that, Rafiq Hayat, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK, said a few words of gratitude after which he formally brought the proceedings to a close. (Adapted from Al-Hakam 17 November 2023)



Sacrilege of three mosques of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at in Pakistan in two days

Police chiseled Kalima Tayyaba and sacred texts from two mosques in Gujrat

On 30 August 2023, under pressure from religious extremists, police in Sheikhpura razed the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon.

The authorities in Pakistan have once again failed to protect the mosques of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at. It seems that the atrocities against Ahmadiyya Jamā'at in Pakistan are now touching unprecedented heights.

A day before the tragedy, on 29 August 2023, the police administration, along with other government officials, erased the Kalima Tayyaba and other sacred religious texts written on Ahmadiyya mosques in the Shadiwal and Chowkanwala districts of Gujrat with black paint. The police of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan were not satisfied with this tragic action. So, the next day on August 30, they again turned to the Ahmadiyya mosques and chiseled Kalima Tayyaba and holy writings engraved on the mosques with the help of hammers and took away its debris.

It is now becoming routine for the police administration that instead of protecting the mosques of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at, they first put pressure on the Ahmadis to desecrate their mosques themselves and demolish the minarets. When the Ahmadis' refused to do this not Islamic thing, the police themselves carried out the tragic act. These hateful acts by the police are nothing but fulfilling the 'wish' of religious extremist elements. This religious extremism must be stopped now. Otherwise, the reputation and honor of our beloved country Pakistan will be completely destroyed in the international community, which in turn will be an irreparable loss to the country.

Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar, in his address after the tragic Jaranwala tragedy, referred to Ahmadiyya Jamā'at and other minorities and said that the State of Pakistan will protect the rights of the weaker sections, as well as stand against the oppressor.

Since the August 21 speech, three mosques of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at have been desecrated by police officers.

Recently, a three-minute video of a religious extremist of TLP has surfaced. They put their demands to U.C. Shadiwal's Kanja police station in the Gujrat district. In this video, Waqar Arif Rizvi, a militant Mullah who is the TLP caretaker of the area, is giving an ultimatum to the police administration that it will not be good if our demands are not met. Shafqat Mehmood Bhat, SHO of Police Station Kanjah district of Gujarat, is responding and assuring their support for such actions.

This video is being made viral on social media. And this video is also proof of how the police administration is helpless in front of these religious extremists.

Statement of spokesman of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at:

"The Lahore High Court (LHC), in an order issued on August 31, 2023, restrained the police authorities from altering the structure of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at mosques. Honorable Judge Mr. Justice Tariq Saleem Sheikh has clearly stated in paragraph 16 of the judgment in a case titled "Imran Hameed etc. vs. State etc." that nowhere in Sections 298-B and 298-C of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) it is written in the Ordinance No. 20 that Ahmadiyya mosques built before 1984 should be demolished or their shape and structure should be changed.

The spokesman further said that an organized hate campaign in Pakistan against Ahmadiyya Jamā'at has resulted in dozens of Ahmadi mosques being demolished and desecrated in 3-4 years. In 2023 alone, 22 Ahmadiyya mosques were desecrated. He said that Ahmadiyya Jamā'at hopes that according to this recent decision of the Lahore High Court judge and in the light of the orders of the Constitution of Pakistan, the police will perform their duties and protect the Ahmadiyya mosques.

The minarets and mihrab of the mosque in Shahdara Town, Lahore were desecrated

According to a 2014 Supreme Court ruling, it is the duty of the police to protect the right of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at.

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan

According to a recent clear order of the Lahore High Court, the mosques of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at, which were built before the 1984 ordinance, cannot be demolished or their architectural design cannot be changed.

Despite showing this order of the Lahore High Court to the police administration, on September 8, 2023, at 11:30 am, the police desecrated the mosque of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Shahdara Town, Lahore before Friday prayers and demolished its mihrab and minarets.

Coverage of the نیا دور (Naya Daur)

Naya Daur Media is a web channel established in 2017 that simultaneously presents news, analysis, features, blogs, videos, and detailed reviews in Urdu and English. It has published a detailed story about the Shahdara Town tragedy on September 8, 2023. The headline is as follows:

Ahmadiyya Jamā'at's pre-1947 place of worship vandalized in Lahore

(Adapted from a report by Abu Sadeed, Al-Fazl International, UK dated 11 September 2023)



Activities and News of the US Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V appoints Dr. Mansoor Qureshi as Sadr and Muhammad Ahmad as Naib Sadr Saf Dom Majlis Ansarullah USA

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) has appointed Dr. Mansoor Qureshi as Sadr and Muhammad Ahmad as Naib Sadr Saf Dom of Majlis Ansarullah USA for the next two years starting from January 1, 2024.

Dr. Mansoor Qureshi



Dr. Mansoor Qureshi is the son of the Late Nasir Ahmed Qureshi and Amtul Bari Nasir. He grew up in

Karachi and obtained initial education including MBBS before moving to New York in 1992. He pursued his residency and fellowship training in New York and then moved to Michigan in 1998 for further advanced training in interventional cardiology and peripheral vascular disease. Professionally, he is serving in the role of Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Co-Director of structural heart disease in a hospital in Michigan.

He has been serving Jamā'at in various capacities over the years, including local President of Detroit Jamā'at, vice President of Detroit Jamā'at, assistant national secretary Rishta Nata for over 10 years, volunteer leader with Humanity First, and last but not least, Naib Sadr of Majlis Ansarullah for the last 5 years.

He is happily married and is a father of three children, and lives in Detroit, MI.

Muhammad Ahmad



Muhammad Ahmad currently serves as Qaid Tabligh for Majlis Ansarullah USA. He has also been serving Jamā'at in various capacities over the years including various national and local responsibilities in Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya and Jamā'at. He has been part of the cyclists' teams that rode long distances to Ansarullah Ijtima in 2022 (Austin, TX to Houston, TX)

and 2023 (Pittsburgh, PA to Silver Spring, MD).

By profession, Muhammad Ahmad is a Software Engineer. He is happily married, is a father of two children, and lives in Austin, TX.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V appoints Missionary Abdullah Dibba as Sadr Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya USA

Missionary Abdullah Dibba



Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V has appointed Missionary Abdullah Dibba as Sadr Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya USA from November 1, 2023.

Abdullah Dibba is from the Gambia. He is a born Ahmadi. He devoted his life to become a missionary in 2007. He completed his high school education in his home

country, The Gambia, and went to university to study Economics and Management. He studied in Jāmi'a Ahmadiyya UK and earned a Shāhid degree in 2015.

Announcement for 74th Jalsa Salana USA

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA is delighted to announce the upcoming 74th Jalsa Salana scheduled to take place from June 28 to June 30, 2024, at the prestigious Greater Richmond Convention Center (GRCC) in the historic city of Richmond, Virginia. The venue's address is as follows:

Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North 3rd Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Currently, we are actively engaged in negotiations with the Richmond City Department of Tourism to secure advantageous room rate discounts from local hotels for our esteemed members. Upon finalization of these contracts in the coming weeks, we will promptly provide you with updated information. Until then, we kindly request that you refrain from making any accommodation reservations. Rest assured, we are diligently working to secure competitive rates that will cater to your needs. Richmond offers a variety of accommodation options at different price points, ensuring you will find suitable lodging.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated. We look forward to updating you with further details as we progress with the arrangements. (Bashir Ahmed Malik, Afsar Jalsa Salana USA)

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Detroit holds a Dā'īn Ilallāh Crash Training Camp



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Detroit held a successful Dā'īn ilallāh training camp on 28 October 2023. The Dā'īn ilallāh training was a crash course on Christianity.

There was a great deal of interest expressed by many members in their registration comments, especially the topics covered in the published course outline.

The course provided learning on 8 key topics from the Bible:

1. God vs. Jesus' Divinity.
2. Prophethood of Jesus.
3. Did Jesus Die on the Cross?

4. Jesus' Miracles.
5. Jesus in India.
6. Second Coming of Messiah.
7. Selective Biblical Contradictions and a beginner's introduction to the Holy Bible.
8. Selective prophecies about the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Missionary kickstarted the training course by providing a high-level overview of the Bible's structure, books that comprise the Old Testament and the New Testament along with different facts on both Old and the New Testament. A historical viewpoint regarding both the Old and the New Testament was provided with references from the books from Christian Authors and historians.

Following the introduction, an

interactive Kahoot-style quiz with interesting questions was conducted which was well received.

Next, God vs Jesus Divinity topic was discussed where the missionary provided the Christian belief system on Jesus's divinity and provided numerous verses as references from the Bible (King James version) which refuted the concept of Jesus's divinity. Members asked a multitude of questions on this very topic.

A hand-out of some thirteen verses from the Bible was provided as a reference where Jesus is proved not to be a God or son of God.

Missionary Faran Rabbani touched on how the concept of Jesus being God was not supported by five key elements of the historical facts and criterion, namely:

- a. What were Jews of the time waiting for?

- b. What was the Jewish people promised at the time by God?
- c. What did Jesus say about his status?
- d. What did Jesus's disciples understand and believe about Jesus?
- e. What did the general masses believe at the time as to who was Jesus?

The missionary recommended a book "Lost Christianity" by Dr. Bart Ehrman, a Christian Scholar and a James A. Gray distinguished professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is a leading authority on the Bible and the life of Jesus. (Muhammad Ahmad, Secretary Tabligh, Detroit Jamā'at)

Vibrant Community Spirit Shines at the Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima at Baitun-Nasir Mosque, Columbus, Ohio



Columbus, Ohio witnessed a splendid display of unity at the Regional Waqf-e-Nau Ijtima held on 11th November, 2023 at Baitun-Nasir Mosque. This event, organized by the Regional Ijtima Committee brought together many

members from various Jamā'at to enrich their religious knowledge and to promote moral and spiritual growth.

The Regional Waqf-e-Nau Ijtima aimed to strengthen the bonds between the Waqf-e-Nau youth with the Jamā'at and provide them with a platform to connect. Through many activities, the organizers sought to create an inclusive space where members could come together, share experiences, and build lasting relationships.



The day commenced with Tilāwat, followed by the opening session. Attendees were reminded of the rich history of how the scheme of Waqf-e-Nau came to be. As said by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him), “They should grow up with the conviction that they were born for a greater purpose at a great time when the first century of the victory of Islam is merging with the second century of the victory of Islam. They were born at this juncture. They should know that their parents asked Allah to give them a child with the intention and prayer that the child would become a great Mujahid for training the future generations.” (Ref: Friday sermon 3 April 1987) This sentiment encapsulated the essence of the Ijtima—members coming together to help train future generations with directives from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his Helper).

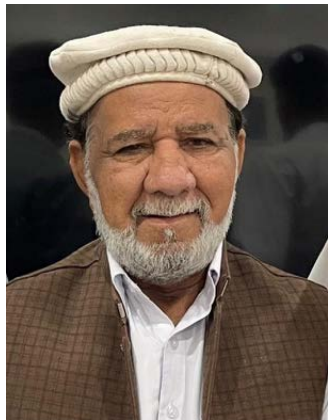
The younger kids were divided according to their age groups and several fun activities were held where they got to know each other. Similarly, the kids also got to realize what it means to be a Waqf, and how they could re-educate and renew their bond with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his Helper) that they would serve the Jamā'at. The parents concurrently had their session where they also discussed methods to guide their children on the right path, not only in their careers but also in their lifelong career of serving Ahmadiyya Jamā'at.



After Zuhr prayer and Lunch, everyone was shown how to access the various resources both for the children and parents. Everyone then gathered for an interregional jeopardy which was held over Zoom. The contest ended with a 3-way tie between Ohio Valley, New York Metro, and Southwest Region. Everyone then went on for the closing session which ended with remarks from the Regional Waqf-e-Nau Secretary, Muhammad Naeem Saqib Mangla.

The attendees left with a rewarded sense of their dedication towards the Jamā'at, and a more commitment to building a more connected and stronger region in regards to Waqf-e-Nau. (Report by Raghbir Ahmad, Columbus, Ohio)

Renowned poet Abdul Kareem Qudsi passes away



With sorrow and sadness, it is informed that Abdul Kareem Qudsi,

a renowned poet, passed away on 9 November 2023 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Abdul Kareem Qudsi was born on 6 June 1946, in "Kirtu" District Sheikhpura, Pakistan. He moved to Lahore in 1968 due to his job. He migrated to Sri Lanka in 2013 and moved to the U.S.A. in 2016. He was a renowned poet of both Urdu and Punjabi languages. He wrote many

books of poetry and won National awards for some of his books. All his life, he served and spread the message of Ahmadiyya Khilafat.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters. May Allah Ta'ala grant him a high station in Jannah and grant patience and steadfastness to all bereaved family members. Ameen. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

LA Jamā'at offers funeral prayer in absentia of Khadija Begum, Shamshad Parveen Malik, Mirza Mohammad Arshad, and Shameem Malik

Los Angeles Jamā'at offered funeral prayer in absentia of the following on the 3rd of November 2023:

1. Khadija Begum, mother of Waheeda Malik of Baitul Hameed Halaqa died at the age of 102 years.
2. Shamshad Parveen Malik, mother of Nadia Malik of Torrance Halqa died on 10 October 2023.
3. Shameem Malik, brother of Nadia Malik of Torrance Halqa died on 24 August 2023.
4. Mirza Mohammad Arshad, father of Bina Majeed of Baitul Hameed Halqa died on 1 October 2023.

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

Following is a brief introduction of each provided by the family.

Khadija Begum

Khadija Begum mother of Waheeda Malik, former Sadr Lajna Imā'illāh LA-East, wife of late Malik Dost Muhammad. She was a Mūṣṣīyya and was a true embodiment of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. She was

very pious, God-fearing, loving, kind, humble, and strong in her faith. She was regular in her prayers, recitation of the Holy Quran, Tahajjud, paying all her Chanda, and helping the poor. She served in Lajna in Bahawalnagar district for nineteen years as Sadr and General Secretary and was awarded the Certificate of Recognition by Hazrat Mariam Siddiqā (Chootee Appa). She left behind two sons, five daughters, 26 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. May Allah grant her a high station in Jannah. Amen (Waheeda Malik)

Shamshad Parveen Malik

Shamshad Parveen Malik was the mother of Nadia Malik of Central Jersey Jamā'at. She was the eldest daughter-in-law of Hazrat Maulana Zahoor Hussain Bokhara, a pioneer missionary to Russia. She was a very loving member of the Central Jersey Lajna Imā'illāh for nearly 40 years, remaining dedicated and involved until her demise, despite being in poor health. She had a special love for Salat, the Holy Quran, Hadith, and the teachings of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). She was devoted to Ahmadiyya Khilafat and had a special regard and love for members of the Promised Messiah's

family. She is fondly remembered for her unique hospitality, especially toward many newly arriving missionaries to the US since the early 1970's. May Allah Ta'ala grant her lofty station in Paradise, Ameen.

Shameem Malik

He was the eldest brother of Nadia Malik, Naib Sadr Lajna Imā'illāh of LA-West. May Allah grant him a lofty station in Jannah.

Mirza Mohammad Arshad

Mirza Mohammad Arshad was the father of Bina Majeed of Baitul Hameed Halqa. He was the son of Mirza Mohammad Sadiq and grandson of the companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He lived his life in Quetta, Pakistan until moving to Binghamton, NY, and was a revered member of Binghamton Jamā'at for the last 20 years. He was one of three elders who laid a foundation stone of Binghamton Mosque with a brick that was blessed by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper). He was a very kind, compassionate, and humble man. Throughout his life, he served the Quetta Jamā'at in different capacities. He played a big role in building the Quetta Mosque. He used to do Tabligh, especially within

Quetta's tribal areas. At all times he advised his children and grandchildren to build a close friendship with Allah. He was

blessed on many occasions with the guidance of Allah with true dreams. He leaves behind three sons and four daughters, twenty-one

grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. May Allah grant him a high station in Jannah. Amen

Nasima Laique of Detroit Jamā'at passes away

Nasima Laique of Detroit Jamā'at passed away on 14 November 2023 after a prolonged Hospitalization at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland.

The late Nasima Laique was the mother of Dr. Syed Tanveer Ahmed of Detroit Jamā'at, Syed Uzair Ahmed of Seattle Jamā'at, Syeda Humaira Ahmed, and mother-in-law of Salaman Akhtar of Maryland Jamā'at. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Her husband, Syed Laique Ahmed, was martyred in 2010 in Model Town Mosque, Lahore, on May 28, 2010. She became stronger in faith after she lost her husband for the cause of Ahmadiyyat.

Nasima Laique was born in Bhagalpur, Bihar, India, on January 1, 1940. Her father, the late Mahboob-ul-Hassan, was not an Ahmadi. Her mother, the late Umul Wara, was an Ahmadi. Ahmadiyyat came to her family through her grant parents. They were devout Ahmadis. She was most devoted to Jamā'at and had eight children. Seven of them are Musis and are serving Jamā'at in different capacities. She worked tirelessly to educate all her children and ensured that all children committed to Jamā'at above anything in life. God may elevate her status in Jannah and give solace and steadfastness to the members of the bereaved family. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

Saliha Qanita Bhatti wife of Rashid Ahmad Bhatti of Philadelphia Jamā'at passes away

Saliha Qanita Bhatti, my mother and wife of Rashid Ahmad Bhatti of Philadelphia Jamā'at passed away on 18 November 2023 at the age of 84 in Philadelphia. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

She was Mūṣīyya. She was born in the house of Khan Qazi Mohammad Rashid, Wakilul-Maal Rabwah, and Mrs. Amatul Hameed Begum of Ferozepur, India. She was blessed to have served the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya as local Halqa President in Rabwah and Rawalpindi. She taught the Holy Qur'an to many Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi children. In the USA, she served as National Secretary of Nāsirat for about eleven years. All her four brothers are life devotees—two retired and two still serving the Jamā'at in Rabwah. May Allah the Almighty accept her services and grant the departed soul a high station in paradise and give solace to the family members, Amen. (Maqbool Bhatti serving as Secretary of Finance, Columbus, Ohio)

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Austin partake in the Texas Book Festival



Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Austin partook in this year's Texas Book Festival held on 11-12 November 2023. Missionary Salman Sheikh, missionary Musawar Ahmad, and the local secretary publication Rashad Munawar provided valuable support. We were able to distribute two hundred flyers. The following books were sold at the festival.

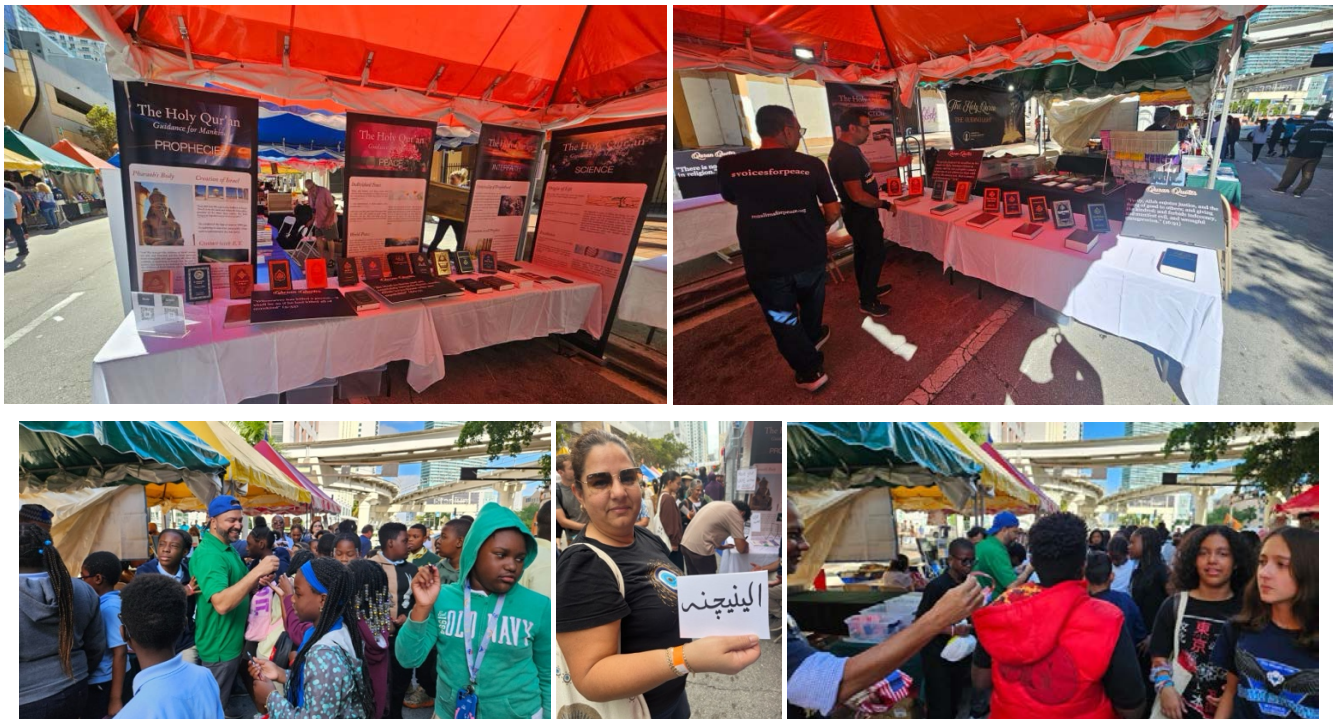
The Holy Qur'ans: 10 copies, Review of Religions: 150 copies, Crisis and Pathway to Peace: 175 copies, Life of

Muhammad: 150 copies, Spanish Literature: 150 and other books: 50 copies.

Additionally, numerous contacts have been made including certain libraries/bookstores requesting Jamā'at literature, and contacts with church officials. Please note that next year we can also look into purchasing another table which would increase efforts in Tabligh. Also, there shall be a book fair in San Antonio in April 2024 that shall also be considered for participation. (Report by missionary Qasim Choudhary, Austin, Texas)



Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Miami participates in Miami Book Fair



I had the blessed opportunity to participate in the Miami Book Fair along with Salman Sheikh.

It was a hugely successful event Al-Hamdu-Lillah. People from all over Latin America visited us and we had great discussions. There was a tremendous interest in the Holy Quran with Spanish translation. A surprising element for these people was that the Holy Qur'an printed by Jamā'at Ahmadiyya has original Arabic text with its Translation as

compared to other Muslim organizations. A Librarian from Colombia purchased many copies from us to take to his country and likewise for an Argentinian Librarian from Cordoba. Throughout the book fair, I made small video clips for our desk members to inspire them to get ideas of Tabligh to the Latino world. Other books received with great interest were Islam un Jardin de sabiduria, La Filosofia de las enseñanzas del Islam, Jesus en la India and World

Crisis and Pathway to Peace. We gathered data of about 100 people who showed a strong desire to carry on our discussions in depth for the future. Hence we came up with the idea of arranging a follow-up interfaith conference at our Miami Mosque in a couple of months under Spanish Desk Tabligh activity. (Report forwarded to the Ahmadiyya Gazette by Hafeez ur Rehman MD, Spanish Desk Lead on 23 November 2023)



The Detroit Martyr - Gone but not Forgotten

Muhammad Habeeb Shafeek

Allah Ta'ala reminds us in the Holy Qur'an:

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ
وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ
وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ - الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ
مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ -
أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ
وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ -

And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient, Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, "Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return." It is these on whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy, and it is these who are rightly guided. (2[Al-Baqarah]: 156-158)

The Detroit martyr is gone but not forgotten. Conveyed through the prism of personal perspective, I intend to review this in four questions.

1. What happened on that day? i.e., Background and Context of the Martyrdom of Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad.
2. What is the significance of this martyrdom in the Western Hemisphere?
3. What effect did this martyrdom

have on the following Jalsa Salana?

4. Based on the above, what is my responsibility as an Ahmadi?

On 8 August 1983, in the quiet, peaceful community, 30 miles west of Detroit, and three hours north of my home of Dayton, Ohio, our brother, Dr. Muzaffar Shahid was fatally shot, and martyred in his home. Dr. Muzaffar Shahid was a humble, devoted family man. He was a loving, and peaceful soul, whose passion for Tabligh coincided with, his extraordinary sincerity, as a devoted member of the Detroit Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. It was on this day his wife and young son would discover him in the foyer of their home, brutally murdered.

A Physician by profession, Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Shahid practiced at the Wayne County General Hospital. He was highly respected and regarded by patients and professional peers alike. Although he was on a professional trajectory to reach the pinnacle of his medical career, this was not his singular focus. He also had a remarkable passion for sharing the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat to any who would lend him an ear!

Approximately one year before this aggresses murder, a cleric

migrated from Pakistan to the Detroit area. The person became an Imam of a local African-American mosque. It is there he began espousing vile sentiments of despicable hatred and prejudice toward Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, and all who pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) appointed by God Almighty by the prophecy of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). This cleric concocted a diabolical plan not only to disrupt the upcoming 35th Ahmadiyya annual convention, scheduled in the Metro-Detroit area; [But] to target and murder members of the local Detroit Ahmadi Muslim Community; as well as burn down our mosque, then located on Wyoming Street. As this plan began to unfold, this same cleric recruited two willing accomplices and engaged them to execute this nefarious, and reprehensible plan.

So, approximately two months before the annual convention, several members of the Detroit Jamā'at were gathered in the Wyoming Street Mosque. They were involved in pre-Jalsa planning consultations when their meeting was interrupted by a telephone call. One of our brothers present at the time, took the call, and was asked by

the caller “if someone could give them information about Ahmadiyyat.” Without hesitation and to no one’s surprise Dr. Muzaffar said resoundingly that he would be happy to do so.

This was Dr. Muzaffar’s passion, always eager to share the message of Ahmadiyyat. Dr. Muzaffar requested that his information be shared with the caller. Subsequently, he became a friend and began teaching Ahmadiyyat to the caller.

On 8 August 1983, this same assailant and an accomplice called Dr. Muzaffar and stated that he had left his cap at his home, and wanted to know if he could come straight away and retrieve it. This was to be a pretext, the ruse as it were, to come back and commit pre-meditated murder. Dr. Muzaffar being a kind and accommodating person, agreed.

While Dr. Muzaffar was entertaining another dinner guest, his doorbell rang. He went into his foyer and opened the door. The assailant drew his weapon and fired blank range into Dr. Muzaffar’s body. He collapsed and died. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]. His lifeless body was discovered shortly by his wife and young son.

These two perpetrators [Calvin Jones and William Kane] continued their sinister rampage and proceeded to our Wyoming Street Mosque. There, they broke into an upstairs window, from the back of the building and began to scatter gasoline all over the multi-story building.

As they began making their way toward the back of the building there was a large, rear door, comprised of solid steel, from which they planned to escape after setting fire to the mission house. But they didn’t realize that there was a gas water heater in the back of the building, that had a lit flickering pilot flame.

As they continued to sprinkle gasoline [this] suddenly ignited the fumes from the water heater pilot light. Abruptly, the entire mosque went up in a surge of flames. Now engulfed and surrounded in this intense raging inferno of flames, these accomplices attempted to escape and exit through the back door. But, they could not!

Ironically, this very large rear steel door, in which they planned their escape, in a seemly ordained twist of destiny, the door handle was broken and was not attached to this door. It had been broken for years and was on the shelf.

During all the commotion, the two assailants couldn’t find the door handle. They desperately fired guns, trying to shoot holes through the door, to no avail! Not even with gunfire could they breach this solid steel door. Demented, and no doubt desperate the two eventually went into the bathroom where the water heater was located. It was in closed-in concrete where they died as a result of smoke inhalation.

The entire mosque was burned to rubble. The entire upper floor collapsed completely. Local members told us that the heat from this blaze was so intense, that the entire upper floor was incinerated, one could see the uppermost ceiling from the main floor. Yet amid intense heat, smelted and charred rubble, there were 2000 copies of the Holy Quran, in cardboard boxes that remained untouched, by this bedlam of arson, and hateful mayhem.

These events leading to this crime were planned methodically well in advance by a religious extremist; a diabolical mastermind and his two culprits. It is not hyperbole to state that justice was served on-site, in real time to both perpetrators, Calvin Jones and William Kane. They came to their demise in the very mosque that they tried to destroy.

With this background and context, I now turn to the second question: “What is the significance of this martyrdom in the Western hemisphere.”

Perhaps the most blunt and obvious answer to this second question is, that this was the first time that a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community had been murdered here in the Western hemisphere merely because he had proclaimed to be a follower of Hazrat Mirza Gulam Ahmed of Qadian. However, the gravity and magnitude of Dr. Muzaffar’s martyrdom would have profound personal implications for me. Ten years prior in December 1973, I was blessed to have attended the first of five trips to Jalsa Salana Qadian and Rabwah. It was in 1974 and 75 as a young man 21, I began to hear horrific accounts, and antidotes of how Ahmadi was being murdered, slaughtered and martyred merely because they obeyed the Holy Prophet Muhammad’s (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) instruction to give his Salaam and accepted his Messiah and Mahdi.

Now with the martyrdom of Dr. Muzaffar here in the United States a little less than three hours away from my doorstep became up close and personal.

All of the atrocities and countless reports of crimes perpetrated against Ahmadis, somehow, no longer seemed far away in Pakistan, the Middle East, or some other remote parts of the world. Now for the first time as a young man, these atrocities were right here in the United States of America. In short, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community who had rendered the ultimate sacrifice of martyrdom, I realized these individuals were no longer far away, faceless, now for the first time, I was a born Ahmadi in the USA, here in the Western hemisphere, the Midwest, United States, Detroit Michigan, less than three-hour drive from my home in Dayton, Ohio, we

have been selected to join this select cohort, to willingly respond to the call for the ultimate sacrifice. The significance, seriousness, magnitude, and implication of Dr. Muzaffar's martyrdom pounced upon me in a profound personal way. Was I ready?

I often thought of the verses from the Holy Qur'an as described in the beginning.

I pivot now to the next question: "What effect did this martyrdom have on the following Jalsa Salana?"

At this time, I was a member of the Midwest Region of Majlis Khuddam-ul Ahmadiyya, we had the responsibility of hosting the US Jalsa Salana, to be held in Detroit. As our local Dayton MKA team proceeded to the Detroit area several days ahead of Jalsa, to assist in its preparation; we reflected that some thirty-five years prior, the very first USA Jalsa was held in Dayton. Now we were not only traveling to a Jalsa but to the very city where the first Ahmadiyya Martyrdom had accrued. As a young man, this was very surreal indeed. I recall us being astounded at the disposition of our local Detroit brothers. They were incredibly resolute, focused, extraordinarily pleasant, and upbeat if you had not known any better you would not have known just a few weeks earlier that Dr. Muzaffar had been murdered in this city, in this Jamā'at. We were overwhelmed by Jamā'at Detroit's; patience, steadfastness, and forward-thinking regarding the pending arrival of hundreds of the Promised Messiah's guests.

Of course, as you can imagine from time to time, we have those moments of melancholy and sadness this is only natural however this was not the lingering state of affairs. This was not the ethos of the Detroit Jalsa atmosphere. Without exception, our Detroit local team members felt that they had a responsibility more than ever to put on the best possible USA

Jalsa program ever. We were all inspired, encouraged, and uplifted by their extraordinary perseverance in light of this most recent tragedy.

Question 4: Based on this, what is my responsibility as an Ahmadi?

I would like to close my remarks by presenting before you three brief takeaways that I feel encapsulate my responsibility as an Ahmadi with respect to the martyrdom of Dr. Muzaffar Shahid.

The first is self-reflection! What are the reminders from Allah Ta'ala that should activate self-reflection and of which I should gain and reap strength and steadfastness?

The Holy Qur'an says in (29: 3-4):

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُرَكَّبُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا أَمَّا
وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ- وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ
قَبْلِهِمْ فَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا
وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ الْكٰذِبِينَ -

Do men think that they will be left alone because they say, "We believe," and that they will not be tested? And We did test those who were before them. So, Allah will surely distinguish those who are truthful and He will surely distinguish the liars from the truthful."

The Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) is reported to have said.

Sa'd ibn Abi Waqas (may Allah be pleased with him) asked, "O Messenger of Allah, which of the people are most sorely tested?" He said: "The Prophets, then the next best and the next best. A man will be tested in accordance with his level of religious commitment. If his religious commitment is strong, he will be tested more severely, and if his religious commitment is weak, he will be tested in accordance with his religious commitment. Calamity will keep befalling a person until he walks on the earth with no sin on him." (Sahih al-Tirmidhi)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V

(Allah be his Helper) reminded us of an important aspect of self-reflection: We must always bear these words of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) in mind; he says: "You must reform yourselves in a manner whereby your intentions become aligned with God Almighty's intentions. God Almighty does not assist anyone unless they ensure that their intentions become one with God Almighty's desires and they completely submit to His will."

I end here with these words of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him):

"O you who are asleep, awake! O you who are heedless, arise, for you are faced with a great revolution. This is the time for weeping and not for sleeping; and it is the time for supplication and not for mockery, ridicule, and charging people with heresy. Pray that God Almighty may grant you sight so you may perceive fully the present darkness and may see the light which Divine Mercy has prepared to dispel it. Get up during the latter part of the night and seek guidance from God Almighty through weeping and crying and do not waste your time in contriving designs and praying against the Jamā'at set up by God. God Almighty will not follow your heatless and misguided design. He will make manifest to you the follies of your minds and hearts and will help his servant. He will not cut down the tree which he has planted with His own hand. Is there anyone among you who will cut down the tree which he expects to bear fruit? Then why would He, who is All-Wise and All-Seeing and Most Merciful, cut down the tree, the blessed season of whose harvest He is awaiting? When you, being men, would not do such a thing, why would He do it Who knows the all-hidden things and reaches the bottom of every heart?" [Ā'ina Kamālāt-e-Islam, Ruhani Khazā'in, vol. 5, pp. 52-55, The essence of Islam volume 4 pp. 154-155.]



Dr. Waqar Pirzada, Columbus, Ohio



Youths and children are the age group where substance abuse is common whether peer pressure or relatively easy availability of drugs. Many kids try substances such as alcohol, marijuana, and cigarettes or e-cigarettes. Marijuana is by far the most used in teens. Marijuana can seriously damage the developing teen brain. Today our teens can easily get marijuana, cigarettes, alcohol, and energy drinks that have elevated caffeine levels. Just imagine a teen nowadays who can mix up these available substances and ruin their minds leading to mental illnesses. These are commonly used substances and heroin, painkillers, and cocaine are other drugs that are available in the US society. Legalizing marijuana will be the most detrimental step that is in play for addictions of our teens and marijuana legislators in favor will definitely see the deleterious effects of this drug down the road in 5 to 10

years and they will regret why they allow easy access to this “disastrous” substance. The usual age for substance abuse is early teens and late teens and not only parental guidance is required but also society should deplore substance abuse and try to be role models for these teens and young adults. On the contrary legislation and the US society believe that smoking marijuana and legalizing it will create more revenue and don’t realize that in the long run, this will become detrimental to the health of those who are smoking it. What happens and is more often that things like substance abuse especially marijuana, nicotine, and vaping are allowed to happen and then steps are taken to curb these issues, but in the meantime the users of these drugs become addicted. The society is now or will be selling stocks in the booming marijuana industry.

Marijuana disorder causes psychosis, depression, and adverse psychosocial behavior. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), THC which is the active ingredient connects to the Cannabinoid receptors in neural cells and causes:

- Problem with memory
- Distorted perception
- Difficulty in thinking

Loss of coordination

Difficulty in problem-solving

There is a debate all over in our country (USA) that marijuana should be legalized for recreational purposes. In 2021 the marijuana lobby spent \$4.2m in an effort toward legalizing the use of marijuana. During early childhood and teenage years, there is a foundation laying of mental, social, and behavioral development. So, during the teenage years, there is a lot of peer pressure to start smoking tobacco, marijuana, and alcoholic beverages. Parents should be aware of these pressures on their children and guide them to refrain from these pressures and tell them that Islam and Ahmadiyyat do not allow such attitude and indulgence. The Holy Qur’an says about liquor and gambling as Satanic devices.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ
وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ
الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

O ye who believe, liquor, gambling, idols, and divining arrows are but abominations and Satanic devices. So, turn wholly away from each one of them that you may prosper. (5[Al-Ma'idah]: 91) [English translation of the Holy Qur’an by Zafrulla]



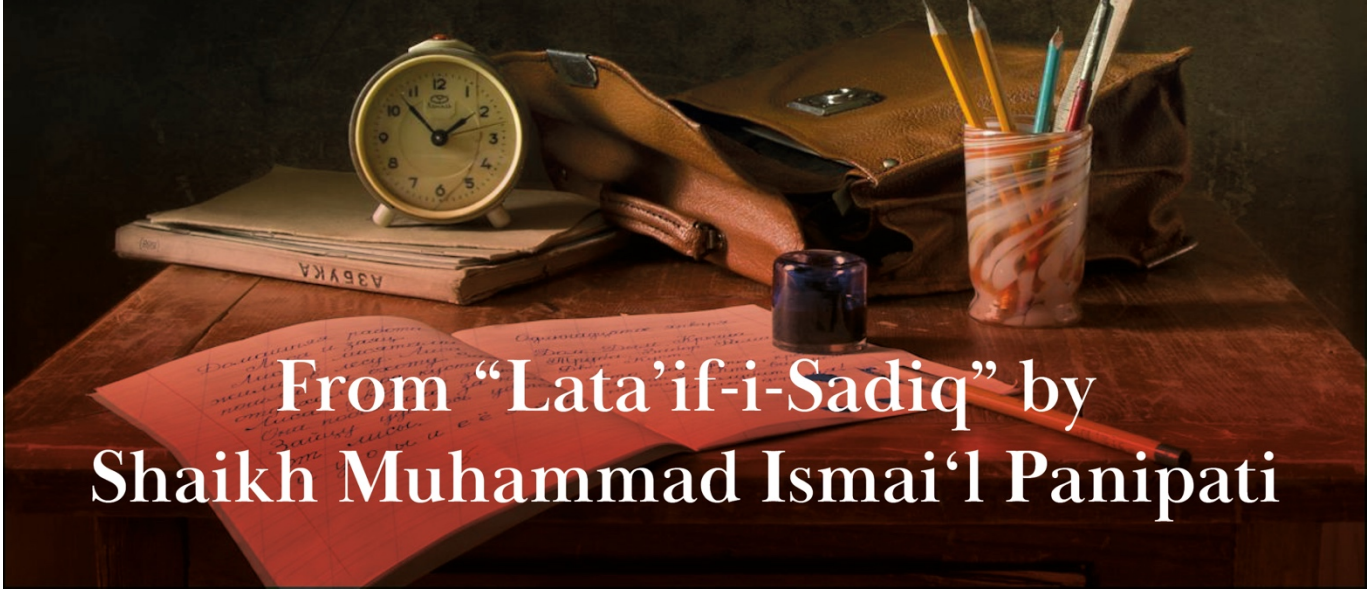
Humanity First USA Call for Humanitarian Relief in Gaza



The need for humanitarian relief in Gaza is urgent and dire. Humanity First USA calls for unfettered access to humanitarian aid and for the protection of health facilities and personnel. Humanitarian organizations like Humanity First and our local partners must be able to provide healthcare, food, water, and sanitation services so that civilians - including children - can survive.

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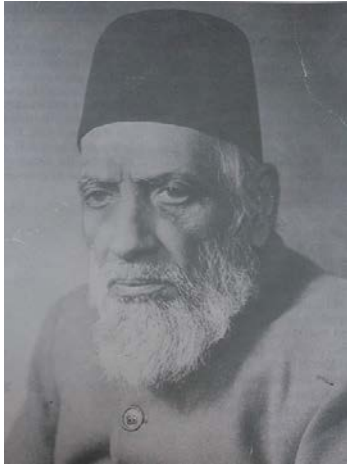


From "Lata'if-i-Sadiq" by Shaikh Muhammad Ismai'l Panipati

Narrated by Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, may Allah be pleased with him

Translated by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus, Ohio

About Shaikh Muhammad Ismai'l Panipati



Shaikh Muhammad Ismai'l Panipati (4 April 1893 – 12 October 1972) was a dervish, writer, and renowned researcher. He was very well known in the literary circles of Pakistan. In 1970, the Government of Pakistan presented him with the Presidential Award for Excellence, a medal and certificate for outstanding literary achievements.

On the other hand, by performing religious services throughout his life as a humble servant of Ahmadiyyat, he provided excellent practical evidence of his sincerity and loyalty. The total number of translations of Shaikh Ismail's works and Arabic books into Urdu is more than one hundred. Most of his works cover academic, historical, and biographical topics. There are also a large number of books that he has written in a very simple language for children. In addition, he took over the duties of the literary assistant to Hazrat Dr. Muhammad Ismai'l (may Allah be pleased with him). He arranged the printing of his book "Bukhar-e-Dil."

In the will written by Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ismai'l, all the manuscripts of his unpublished articles and other writings should be handed over to Shaikh Muhammad Ismai'l Panipati. In addition to very valuable articles, these manuscripts contained a very simple and well-

meaning Urdu translation of the Persian poems of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). Shaikh Ismai'l Panipati made special arrangements to get this published and conveyed it to the Jamā'at. One of his achievements was to safely transfer a huge quantity of unpublished material from Qadian to Lahore in 1947. That included English translations of the Holy Qur'an and the printed verses of Tafsir of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him), which were translated into English by Hazrat Maulawi Sher Ali (may Allah be pleased with him). However, he brought to Pakistan the unpublished manuscripts of Hazrat Dr. Mir Muhammad Isma'il and some of the most scholarly artifacts of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) which were in his custody. (Adapted from a writeup "Shaikh Muhammad Ismai'l Panipati by Masood Ahmad Khan Dehlvi, Al-Fazl, 6,7 and 9 July 2007)

The dearest disciple of Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (‘Alaihis-Salām)

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq narrated the following extraordinary witticism on the occasion of the Annual Gathering (Jalsa-Qadian) in 1925.

Once in the life of Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (peace be on him), there was a discussion among the ladies in the house about the most beloved of the followers of Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (peace be on him). Some women pronounced the name of someone and others named someone else. The women present did not agree on a single personality. Hazrat Umm-ul-Mu'minīn (Hazrat Amman Jan, may Allah be pleased with her, wife of Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd, peace be on him) said,

“I think the most beloved to Hazrat Aqdas is Maulawi Nur-ud-Din (Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I, may Allah be pleased with

him). And I testify this for your sake.”

At that time Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (peace be on him) was sitting in a separate room and was writing some manuscripts. Hazrat Umm-ul-Mu'minīn got up from the gathering of the women and said,

“I go to Hazrat Sahib and strategically ask him. You all wait outside and listen; you will come to know who is the dearest disciple of Hazrat Sahib?”

Saying this to the women, Hazrat Umm-ul-Mu'minīn (may Allah be pleased with her) went to the room of Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (peace be on him) and addressed him,

“He who is your dearest disciple...?”

Saying this incomplete sentence,

Hazrat Umm-ul-Mu'minīn deliberately kept quiet. On this, Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (peace be on him) asked her anxiously,

“Tell me quickly what has happened to Maulawi Nur-ud-Din?”

Hazrat Umm-ul-Mu'minīn started laughing and said,

“Do not worry? Maulawi Nur-ud-Din is doing well. I wanted to hear from you who the dearest disciple is. So, you told me about that. Now I am going. You continue doing your writing work.”

(Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 5, pp. 9-10, Ahmad Academy Rabwah, printed by Lahore Art Press, 15 Anarkali, Lahore)



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The Rich and the Kingdom of God

Once during the caliphate of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him), Ahmadiyya Jamā'at Shimla (a tourist resort in India) decided to hold a Tabligh Convention in Shimla and requested Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I to send two or three scholars from Qadian to deliver speeches in the convention. Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Sadiq (may Allah be pleased with him) was among the scholars who were sent to Shimla by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I. So, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq along with his colleagues reached Shimla and attended the convention.

It is mentioned from those days that Mufti Sadiq went for a walk with an Ahmadi friend. The friend said to Mufti Sadiq,

“A great priest of the Church of England has just arrived at the church here. Let us have some religious discussion with him today. The church is a little far away and you won't have to walk much. If you want to talk to the English pastor, I shall take you there.”

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq said,

“I do not think there is a problem. It is good that we shall exchange ideas.”

Well, both of them reached the church, which was nearby. The pastor, who was an Englishman, welcomed us wholeheartedly and with decency. After talking hither and thither, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq said:

“Mr. Pastor, may I ask you a religious question?”

Pastor: (With open-mindedness) Yes, you are welcome to ask whatever you desire.

Sadiq: Before I ask the real question, please tell me in which country the rich and wealthiest people in the world live today.

Pastor: (while laughing) There is nothing to ask about. Everyone knows that the richest people today are from America and Europe.

Sadiq: Now please also tell us what is the common religion of the people of Europe and America.

Pastor: This is also not a matter of asking. Everyone knows that people in Europe and America are Christians.

Sadiq: I am thankful to you for answering both my questions appropriately. After this preamble, I now want to put the real question at

your service. It is written in chapter 19, verses 23 and 24 of the Gospel of Matthew:

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again, I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19: 23-24)

I just want to ask you when the whole of Europe and all of America is full of wealthy and millionaire Christians, so, according to Jesus' (peace be on him) word, how can these people join the Heavenly Kingdom? And when they cannot, then what is the means of their salvation and how will they enter Paradise?

Pastor: According to Jesus Christ, “rich” does not mean to have too much wealth. Rather, it refers to people who love wealth and do not pay attention to religion.

Sadiq: Pastor! Can you please tell me how much percent of the millions of rich people in Europe and America, follow religion despite having wealth?

Pastor: I think there will be very few. Perhaps, maybe 50 %. But no, it won't be that much; maybe 25 %. But

it is also exaggerated, perhaps maybe 10 or 12 %. (After thinking) Probably they would not be that much; maybe 5 % only. But wait, they would not so much either. We are hosting a native pastor as a guest here. He is a great scholar of the Gospel and the Torah, and I will go inside and send him to answer your question. I hope he can give you a satisfactory answer to your query.

Saying this, the English priest immediately got up and went inside, and after a while, a native pastor, who was earlier either a Sikh or a

Hindu, came out from inside. And he said,

“What question did you ask our pastor? Please repeat it for me.”

On this, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq repeated all the conversation that had taken place between him and the English priest and then said,

“Regarding the Gospel that I have just quoted to you, it is concluded that since the rich cannot enter the kingdom of God, therefore, not a single person among the millions of rich people in Europe and

America will enter Heaven. ”

Listening to Hazrat Mufti Sadiq, an old native pastor who seemed to be very serious and pious, frowned and replied with a face of disapproval:

"If millionaires from Europe and America cannot enter Heaven, then let them go to Hell, what do I care about them?"

And then he left us and went inside. (Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 9, pp. 16-18)



It occurred in 1910 or somewhere near that Mufti Muhammad Sadiq went to Gurgaon (It is located in the Gurgaon district in the Indian state of Haryana) for some preaching purposes. He stayed with an Ahmadi friend who was an Excise Inspector. The inspector's son said to Mufti Sadiq, “A pastor is known to me and we often meet. He always tells me, if any of your religious scholars visit here, arrange for a meeting. Since by chance you are here, should I call him if you

agree?” Mufti Sadiq told the boy there should not be any problem calling him. So, the next morning, when Mufti Sadiq was having breakfast, the pastor arrived. Well, he was treated with a cup of tea and thereafter they exchanged dialogue.

The pastor said, "Mufti Sadiq! Do you consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmed to be the Messiah of God?"

Sadiq: There is no doubt that we believe Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) is the Promised Messiah of God.

Pastor: “What argument do you have for Mirza Ghulam Ahmad to be a prophet? That should be presented.”

Sadiq: Look, pastor! There are people of different views and beliefs in religion. Everyone's standards are diverse. The research standard of everyone is also different. It is quite possible that if I present an argument for the truth of something, my opinion might be of no use to you. In such cases, making a final decision about a matter is difficult. So, I present a very simple solution

for your service, which will solve a lot of disputes easily. And that is, after all, you also believe in a person as a Messiah as we do. And you will also have arguments for his truth. So, whatever argument you present for your Jesus as a Messiah, I will, In-Sha-Allah, present the same type of argument for Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) as the Messiah. This shall culminate duel in just two minutes.

On this, the pastor said, "Oh! There are many proofs of Jesus' truth."

Sadiq: I believe there certainly will be so. Just present one of these arguments from many in the Gospel.

The discussion lingered on, but the pastor could not present a viable argument. Then after some time, he said after extended thoughts:

"Look, I am presenting a good argument. You should give the same argument for the authenticity of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad according to your declaration.

Sadiq: Just present, I am listening intently.

Pastor: See Matthew 4:6-11.

Satan took him (Jesus Christ) to the holy city and made him stand on a high temple and said:

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. It is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord, your God to the test.'" Again, Satan took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their

splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord, your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The priest proudly said after this statement, "Mufti Sadiq, this is the argument that our Jesus is the Messiah. Did Satan come to your Mirza Ghulam Ahmad and present such a thing? Tell and answer me."

Mufti Sadiq smiled and replied, "Mr. Pastor, I did not know exactly what argument you would present for the truthfulness of your Jesus and I was thinking that you may present something unique that requires a lot of consideration and thinking. But I thank God that the argument you presented is the same and God gave me the understanding to present this about Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (Peace be on him). Now listen and ponder over it.

In 1897, a *Shī'ah* authoritarian Shaikh Muhammad Reza Tehrani Najafi from Iran came to India and stayed in Lahore. He was a great *Shī'ah* scholar. On reaching Lahore, he published a poster against Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him). Apart from so many other allegations, he wrote: "If Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is truthful, then he should come to Lahore and ascend on a minaret of the King's Mosque (Shahi Mosque). I shall ascend on another minaret of the mosque. Then both of us jump off the minarets. Whoever is truthful of the two will survive? Whoever is a liar will perish? If Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

is truly the Promised Messiah, he should come to Lahore and test his authenticity in front of the public.

The *Shī'ahs* of Lahore were very happy with this poster and sent that to Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) and demanded that he come to Lahore immediately to prove his authenticity in response to this poster and challenge Shaikh Najafi.

On this, Hazrat Mirza Sahib (peace be upon him) published a poster in Persian on February 1, 1897, in which he put this demand as exceedingly ridiculous and cannot be substantiated by the Qur'an and Ahadith. Truthfulness is proved by arguments and not by jumping off the minaret. But keeping this aside, my authenticity is proven what Shaikh Najafi is demanding from me as the Messiah of Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), is the same that was demanded from the Israelite Messiah by Shaikh Najdi (Satan) 1900 years ago. The answer that the Israelite Messiah gave to Shaikh Najdi at that time is the same that I give to Shaikh Najafi today. That answer is already written in the Gospels. Read from there and then ponder, to whom Shaikh Najafi compared himself in the invitation to this duel. On hearing this speech of Mufti Sadiq, the pastor was stunned and had no answer to this argument and said: I seek permission to leave. I shall come again sometime later. Mufti Sadiq answered: Okay. But the pastor never came back. (Ref: Lata'if-i- Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 12, pp. 21-24)



How will the Messiah descend from the sky?

In 1927, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II, Raḍiyallāhu ‘Anhu along with a few Khuddam went to Shimla, the summer headquarters of the Government of India, for some national purposes. Hazrat Mufti Sadiq, Raḍiyallāhu ‘Anhu was also ordered to accompany him. Mufti Sadiq remained extremely busy performing various national services there. One day, he went to see a senior pastor of the Roman Catholic Church after sparing some time from his hectic schedule. The pastor behaved decently with him. After some formal preliminary discussion, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq asked him:

Sadiq: Pastor! You will be well aware of the history of Jesus' time. Could you please tell me how the Jews responded when Jesus claimed to be the Messiah?

Pastor: They said, “We do not believe him.”

Sadiq: Why did they say that?

Pastor: They understandably wanted to see the Messiah as a king. But since that was not the case, they refused and said he was a liar.

Sadiq: Indeed, their answer was very inappropriate and distrustful. Could you please tell me that on the hearing of the news of the coming of the Messiah, what answer should

they have given in your opinion?

Pastor: They should have immediately said, “We trust you because the salvation is in the faith.”

Sadiq: Undoubtedly, you have spoken the truth. But let me understand one thing if I inform you that the Messiah whom people are waiting to come again, has arrived, then what will be your answer?

Pastor: (while laughing) What will I answer? I would ask such a claimant to present evidence in his favor. Without any evidence, how can I believe that you are the second coming of the Messiah?

Sadiq: Of course, you have the right to ask for the proof. But concerning the Jews, you did not say that they should have said, “Bring the proof. Regarding them, you believed that they should have accepted the claimant there and then.”

Pastor: Yes, of course, I said so, but there would be nothing wrong with it if they had asked the Messiah for the proof.

Sadiq: Okay Archbishop Sir! Now I deliver you good news of the arrival of the second coming of the Messiah. You should accept him. He was ascribed in Qadian as a Prophet from God by the name of Ghulam Ahmad. I found him truthful and righteous

and accepted him, and had been in his company for many years. God showed him numerous signs and fulfilled many prophecies about him, in healing the sick, removing the suffering of the distressed, in the acceptance of prayer, in the success of himself and his friends, in the failure of his opponents and enemies, and scholarly writings of rational arguments. He showed these to the world, and after completing his work, returned to God.

Pastor: I do not need these signs, for I have one sign that is enough, the Lord is stationed in Paradise and will descend from the sky. We will see him descending to the earth with our eyes and shall immediately accept him.

Sadiq: Pastor! You know very well that the whole world believes that the earth is round, so how can people all over the world see the Messiah descending from the sky at the same time? And how will the Americans see and accept when he lands in Asia? Leaving this question of America and Asia aside, it is undeniably impossible for the inhabitants of one country just to see him descending at the same time. And if we have not seen him coming down from our eyes, how can we

believe in him merely by the words of the people? Please solve this question and explain it to me.

Pastor: Of course, this is an extremely difficult question and requires a lot of consideration. Saying this, the pastor started talking out of context. But in his mind, he kept thinking about the answer to Mufti Sadiq's query. After a while, he suddenly spoke,

"I have got the answer to your question! You rightly said that any man can't appear all over the world at the same time. But we believe in Jesus Christ as God, and it is not impossible

for God to miraculously appear everywhere at the same time so that the people of the world see him. Europeans should be able to see him. He shows himself in Africa and the people of America and Asia."

Saying this, the pastor straightaway said, "I am sorry, I do not have much time. Now you should leave."

The substance matter is that the pastor himself knew about his weak reply. So, he immediately ended the conversation so that Mufti Sadiq could not proceed further. And let Mufti Sadiq understand that he

answered his query. However, that was an utterly vague reply. God is still everywhere and appears to the people and shall continue to appear in the holy people. God does not have a specific time frame. God was not crucified; not even raised and did not ascend to the sky. He exists both in the sky as well as on the earth. The question asked was only about Jesus, and how he could appear everywhere at the same time. However, the pastor did not give Mufti Sadiq a chance to discuss the matter further and abruptly left inside. (Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 29, pp. 42-44)



Adventists are a sect of Christians. Unlike other Christians, these people consider Saturday to be a day of worship instead of Sunday. They believe that the Messiah shall be coming back very soon. In 1914, when Hazrat Mufti Sadiq was stationed in Bengal for preaching. One day, while going through the market of Calcutta, he had a dialogue with three preachers of this sect. The conversation was as follows:

Sadiq: Are you waiting for the second coming of the Messiah?

Preacher: Yes, we are waiting and he shall be coming very soon.

Sadiq: Can you set a date or year for this?

Preacher: We cannot tell exactly but he will certainly come very soon.

Sadiq: Are the signs of his arrival fulfilled?

Preacher: Yes, many indications have surfaced.

Sadiq: Do you think that this second coming will be spiritual or physical; the same Messiah will be coming again who lived on this earth 1900 years ago?

Preacher: The same Messiah, exactly the same will be coming. But at this

moment we do not have time available at our disposal. This is our visiting card. You are invited to come to our house. There will be a detailed discussion.

Sadiq: Thanks for the card. I will definitely try to come sometime later. But I beg permission to talk briefly: "The Messiah himself has decided that if a person is considered to ascend to the sky and then he is recognized to descend to earth again, then what is the procedure, ways, and means?"

Preacher: Where is the decision? Please tell us.

Sadiq: In the Gospels, there is a story of Jewish scholars who asked Jesus, "The sign of coming of Messiah is written in our scriptures that the Prophet Elias, who ascended to the sky, will descend again to the earth. So, if you are the Messiah, tell us where is Elias on whom we see and certify you." Jesus answered them, "Prophet John who preaches in the forest is Prophet Elias." The Jews again said, "We know John, we know his parents, how did he become Elias who was born before us and did not descend from the sky." Jesus said, "Elias has come in the spirit and power of John (Yahya). The one who agrees accepts him and then certifies me later. This is the procedure of the coming of Elias in disguise of John. This story is not recorded in vain in

the Gospel. The real purpose of this is that if the Sunnah of God in this context referred to by Hazrat Jesus Christ is wrong, then his first coming will also become doubtful.

Preacher: But Jesus Christ said that he will come in person.

Sadiq: The same question was of the Jews, that it is not written in our book that a man like Elias will come. Rather, it is written there that Elias will come himself. It is not necessary that the person who comes must be in the form that you visualize in your mind. A short while ago in Qadian, a town in Punjab, a holy person in the name of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad claimed to be the Promised Messiah.

Preacher: Almost! I know the

Ahmadiyya Movement! Do you belong to this movement?

Sadiq: Yes, I am an Ahmadi, and authenticate Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad as the Promised Messiah.

Preacher: It is very interesting. How long have you been here and how long do you intend to stay?

Sadiq: It has been more than a month since I came here, but I have not lived here continuously. Now In-Sha-Allah I shall stay here for more than a month.

Preacher: Well, we shall be boarding a train from here. We shall be meeting again; Good night. (Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 36, pp. 57-59)



Honey: A Cure for Mankind

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Honey, a sweet liquid made by honey bees from the nectar of flowers, is highly regarded by many as a pure and nutritious food. Among Muslims, it has a special significance as the Holy Quran denotes it as a cure for mankind.

It states in chapter 16 (Surah al-Nahl, the Chapter of the Bee), verses 69-70:

“And thy Lord has inspired the bee, saying, “Make thou houses in the hills and the trees and in the trellises which they build. Then eat of every kind of fruit, and follow the ways of thy Lord that have been made easy for thee.” There comes forth from their bellies a drink of varying

hues. Therein is a cure for men. Surely, in that is a Sign for a people who reflect.”

Previous religious scriptures have also mentioned honey. Prophet Solomon (may peace be on him) is reported to have said:

“My son, eat thou, honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which

is sweet to thy taste. So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.” (Old Testament, Proverbs 24:13-14)

It is for this reason that many Jews believe that eating honey can lead to mental keenness. Prophet Jesus (may peace be on him) is reported to have eaten fish with honeycomb along with his disciples when he appeared before them after surviving the crucifixion:

“While they were still in disbelief because of their joy and amazement, He asked them, ‘Do you have anything here to eat?’ So they gave Him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb, and He took it and ate it in front of them. (Luke 24:42)

Honey is 80% sugar, so it has high energizing properties, and along with fish which provides protein, Jesus (may peace be on him) had all the necessary food to recover after his ordeal. Honey has had a role in healing and medicine for mankind throughout the ages as the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and Muslims used honey for curing various ailments and also as a curative salve to cure infections, heal wounds, and better digestion.



At the time of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be

on him), honey was used to cure diarrhea. Hazrat Abu Saeed al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated, “A man came to the Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and said, ‘My brother has pain in his stomach’, so the Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said, ‘Give him honey to drink.’ The man came back and said, ‘O Messenger of Allah! It only increased his illness!’ So, the Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said, “Give him honey to drink.” The man came back and said, “O Messenger of Allah! It only increased his illness!” The Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of Allah said “Allah spoke the truth and your brother’s belly has lied. Go and give him honey to drink.” He went and gave him honey and was cured.” (Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim)

The Holy Quran has used the word *Shifa* (cure) for the Holy Book itself and honey only. This is why the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has also stated:

“Make use of the two cures: Honey and the Quran” (Sunan Ibn Majah)

In Europe, the use of honey was prevalent as a healing agent. It had a great role in saving many soldiers from infected wounds in World War I as poultices of honey were used to heal wounds after battle. However, after the discovery of antibiotics, and their miraculous effects in World War II, the use of honey as a cure declined, and it was virtually forgotten as a cure in modern medicine.

A few decades ago, after the rise of antibiotic resistance, where bacteria no longer respond to antibiotics, there was a renewed interest in honey. This was mainly led by research performed in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, which found that honey had a very

strong antimicrobial effect and bacteria were unable to develop resistance to it.

Further research showed that honey could kill bacteria through multiple pathways, so developing bacterial resistance was very unlikely. Honey was also found to improve healing through modulating the repair mechanism and the inflammatory and immune response of the body.

These findings proved the usefulness of honey as a powerful antimicrobial agent and a repair agent of wounds, and it started being used in hospitals to cure non-healing infected wounds and for burn victims for quicker recovery. However, it must be noted that the antimicrobial effect of honey is limited to its application topically, and no evidence exists that it can treat systemic infections.

These days, Manuka honey, which comes from New Zealand prepared by honeybees from the nectar of the Manuka tree, is used as a medical-grade honey. While Manuka honey has been shown to possess the highest antimicrobial effect of all tested honey, there is no evidence yet that suggests that Manuka honey is better than other honey for other health conditions. Recent research has now shown that honey can be useful for a childhood cough being comparable to standard cough medicine. Honey can heal burns, cure specific eye infections, and sore throat, improve ulcers in the mouth, and might also help treat diarrhea if used as an oral rehydration.

There is only weak evidence that honey might be protective against stomach ulcers and seasonal allergies. This is the total of the curative work of honey discovered by modern science. The big question remains: Is honey the cure for mankind as described by the Holy Quran?

Unfortunately, till now, honey

has found no role in treating the major chronic diseases of modern times like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, obesity, gout, cancer, arthritis, etc. Though this has not stopped people from consuming honey in the hope of a cure to our knowledge, there are no published cases of cures using honey for any of these major diseases in the scientific literature.

While there are numerous studies performed in animals, that show the promising potential of honey for a vast variety of disease models, however, there are questions about the direct relevance of animal results in humans and many of these mechanistic findings need replication and translation in human trials. Lack of relevant research is one problem but there is another fundamental reason why honey in its current form is lacking in its promised potential as a "cure for mankind."

The main issue in the field of honey research is that serious consideration has not been taken of the Holy Quran guides. The Holy Quran makes three specific points about honey, which should be considered, and only when we follow them, can we find true cures in honey.

Firstly, the Holy Quran states: "There comes forth from their bellies a drink of varying hues"

i.e., it is of different colors. The major determinant of honey color is its floral origin, which means the flower nectar honeybees are used to make the honey. Honey that is predominantly from one flower is known by its floral origin. Acacia honey is light and sweet, while Manuka honey is dark and less palatable in taste.

There are more than 40 different floral honey sold across Europe e.g. Manuka, Acacia, Tupelo, Clover, Thyme, Lavender, Rosemary, Lotus, Citrus, Pine, Thyme, Alfalfa, Borage,

Buckwheat etc. People in some European countries like Germany and Italy prefer these types of "monofloral" honey, while the majority of honey sold in the UK, USA and Canada is usually blended at origin (poly floral) or by honey packers.

This point was raised by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) who, when explaining this verse, said: "Of varying hues": The Arabs have found 400 types of honey because in the Arabic language, there are 400 different names for it. (Badr, 10 February 1910)

What the Holy Quran is telling us is that research on honey must be performed on each unique floral honey to find its properties and health effects. A blended honey from the supermarket shelf might have some general beneficial properties but its specific effects would have been diluted by the blend. Manuka honey is a prime example of a success story of research on a single flower honey. The late Dr Peter Molan, a research scientist in New Zealand found that Manuka honey had antibacterial effects and after long and arduous research spanning two decades, he showed that its effects were very specific for killing bacteria without any resistance. This honey was then chosen for use in hospitals as a medical grade honey and the production of Manuka honey is a billion-dollar industry in New Zealand.

Research on other unifloral honey is severely lacking and there are thousands of honey from different flowers whose potential is yet to be discovered.

Hazrat Muslih 'Mau'ud, Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) emphasized this point during Jalsa Salana Rabwah on 28 December 1955. He said:

"Different types of honey are cures for different diseases. This is why the

Holy Quran does not only say that within honey is a cure but it also says "in that is a Sign for a people who reflect,"

meaning He has given the clue, and now it is our task to undertake the research. If we ponder over it, we will find that different colored honey are cures for different diseases." (Sair-e-Ruhani, vol. 9, pp. 8-9)

Secondly, the Holy Quran states, "There comes forth from their bellies a drink of varying hues. Therein is cure for men. Surely, in that is a Sign for a people who reflect. (16[An-Nahl]: 70)

When we focus on what is inside honey and the properties in honey that determine its colors, a new vast world opens for research. The latest review on honey published in 2018 by De-Melo et al from Spain states:

"Pigments are responsible for the color of honey. The most important are polyphenols, carotenoids, xanthophylls and anthocyanins that can be grouped into water-soluble and lipid-soluble pigments. Other compounds that can contribute to honey color are sugars, minerals, and amino acids." (Journal of Apicultural Research, 2018)

Many of these pigment compounds are plant-derived with some contribution by the honeybee. The second most important compound that determines color is sugars in honey. In fact, sugars are the largest component, with 80% of honey comprising only sugars, while pigment compounds comprise only about 1%. Honey is a complex sugar solution with 80-85% sugars comprising regular sugars like fructose and glucose, while around 15% of sugars in honey are rare sugars. These rare sugars make honey unique as no other natural foods offer a large percentage of rare

sugars.

Rare sugars are types of sugars that are present in limited quantities in nature and thus, are difficult to study. There has been a recent interest in rare sugars as they can provide an alternative to regular sugar without the harmful effects.

In addition, these rare sugars have been shown to have beneficial effects, separating them from other regular sugars. These benefits include fewer calories, lower glucose response than glucose, no harmful effect on teeth, improvement of sugar digestion and metabolism, lower adiposity by improving the body's ability to oxidize lipids, stimulating gut hormones, being beneficial for gut bacteria and immune modulatory effects. Rare sugars now present a promising new avenue of research on honey. Several dozen rare sugars have been identified in honey, and except for a few that are characterized, very little is known about the vast majority of rare sugars in honey and their metabolic and health benefits.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him), more than a century ago, highlighted the difference between normal sugar and honey by stating:

“Honey is made by the revelation of God and therefore, it should not be like other sugary things at all. If it (honey) were like these then all sugary things

would have been called “cure for mankind” but this (phrase) has only been reserved for honey. Thus, this property of honey is the proof of its benefit and because it is prepared according to revelation, the bee must only take beneficial substances when it sucks the nectar from flowers” (Badr, Vol. 3, pp. 44-45 [1904])

Finally, the Holy Quran states,

“Surely, in that is a Sign for a people who reflect.”

It behooves Muslims to reflect and research on this topic. Alas, very few Ahmadi Muslims are working in this field.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IVrh once lamented this fact and in a Friday Sermon on honey, said:

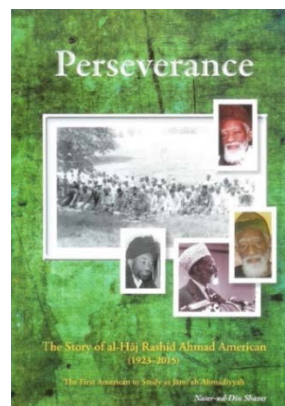
“I am hopeful that [Ahmadis] will ponder over this grand design [of honey] and benefit from it. As I had mentioned once before, they will perform experimental studies on them because there are many types of honey, of different times, with various effects, of various colors – all this is hinted at in the Holy Quran, but detailed studies are desperately needed. I hope that In-Sha-Allah Ahmadi

researchers will focus on honey and perform very detailed studies on it. Do not leave this research to non-Muslims. It is a strange injustice that the teaching is given by the Holy Quran and those acting on it are non-Muslims.” (Friday Sermon, 31 March 2000)

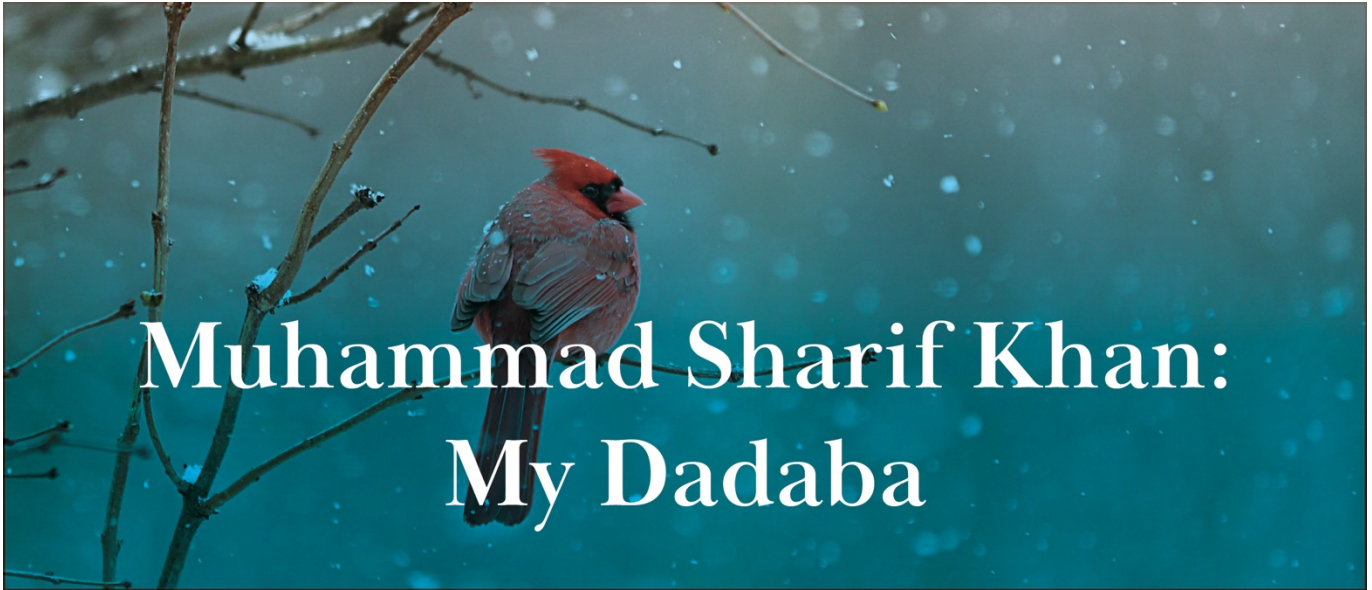
Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) has also urged Ahmadi Muslims to go into this area of research when discussing honeybees:

“Ahmadis should go into [honeybee and honey] research. As the system of revelation is linked with the honey bee, therefore Allah will help those [researchers] who are specially linked with the oneness [of God] and revelation” (Friday Sermon, 19 December 2008)

Young Ahmadis who read this article should consider going into this area of research. By following the guidance of the Holy Quran, they can discover new undiscovered secrets about honey, and their research will benefit mankind and provide further evidence of the existence of God. In-Sha-Allah. (Copied from Al-Hakam, 27 December 2019)



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Muhammad Sharif Khan: My Dadaba

Sara Maria Khan, Philadelphia

Have you ever heard of someone who is everything; a scholar, a teacher, a friend, a role model, a brother, a father, a grandfather and most importantly a devoted servant of Allah?

Muhammad Sharif Khan, my Dadaba (grandfather) was a person of pure heart. He accomplished everything a person should accomplish. He was an incredible role model in my life. Beloved Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) mentioned my Dadaba in the Friday sermon of 6 October 2023 and I cannot express in words how thankful I am. However, I do want to express how much of a great person and grandfather Muhammad Sharif Khan was so I sit here today with tears in my eyes writing this article. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said:

Professor Dr. Umar Sharif Khan passed away recently in the USA. He obtained his PhD in zoology. He then served as a professor at the Ta'lim-ul-Islam College. He had about 250 research papers published throughout the world. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that he was

also his student and he would take the class out to teach them about various insects, reptiles, and the like. In 2002 he was awarded Zoologist of the Year in Pakistan. He was very kind and humble. He treated his students and friends. Some scientists from the USA and Canada went to meet him in Pakistan and they attested that there was no one more expert than him. He was regular in offering prayers, keeping fasts and reciting the Holy Qur'an. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to focus on their studies. He had a special love for the Caliphate.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy and enable his progeny to carry on the legacy of his virtues.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) offered his funeral prayer in absentia.

Everything in my life has changed in some way or another but never my Dadaba. He was like a rock

and was always there to help throughout my life. Our relationship was something I cherished more than anything. When I was born my Dadaba lovingly gave me the name Sara Payara (beautiful Sara) and gave me more love than I could ever imagine. My Dado (grandmother) was my Dadaba's world and a bit later after I was born, she passed away. Both of my sisters did not inherit any of her features, like me. I was told I looked a lot like my Dado when she was young. I have curly hair like hers. My Dadaba would lovingly brush and take care of my hair when I was a toddler. When I played my hair would fall in front of my eyes so Dadaba would tie a little bun right on top of my head. My Dadaba would try to heal his grief by loving me.

When I got older, he explained to me how he felt when someone very precious to him was taken away by Allah. Allah had already given him a precious baby to spend time with to soothe his pain. Everybody in my family called me Dadaba ki ladlee (دادا ابا کی لادلی) [Dadaba's loved one]. When I got a bit older and started going to preschool, I remember telling him everything about my day in school. I would tell him which teacher I liked, which one I didn't,

who were my friends and what games I played. My Dadaba would sit me beside him and listen to my nursery rhymes. I would hold his fingers and walk with him outside. Before everyone in my class learned the ABCs, my Dadaba taught me. He taught me everything throughout my life.

When I started going to elementary school, he made it his mission to help me learn as much knowledge as I could. Every free moment of my time, I would spend with my Dadaba. I did all kinds of activities with him. Every day he would give me a new writing prompt. He would tell me to write a paper about everything he could think of. My writing skills became very advanced because of his advice. Now in the present day, my teachers tell me that I have writing skills way too advanced for my seventh-grade level. However, he taught me so much beyond just writing. He guided me through every problem in my life with incredible wisdom and piety. I learned the Holy Quran from Dadaba and he would try his best to make me read as much as I could even when he was very tired. He taught me prayers and told me that no matter what happens, one should never abandon prayer. He was a simple and pure person. He never showed off his good deeds and was incredibly humble even after being a world-renowned professor. He read the Quran and prayed Namaz to his last breath. He taught me to never show off and to be honest in everything I do. Dadaba told me I was his سمجھدار بیٹی (his wise daughter) so I should always prioritize my education. I learned the real meaning of Taqwa from him: To not be scared of Allah but to be scared to do anything that disappoints Him out of utmost love. May Allah always enable me to carry his teachings.

When I got older and started to understand that my Dadaba, my everything, was going to pass away

someday, it became my responsibility to take care of him. I had constant anxiety that something was going to happen to him. Eventually, his legs became so weak that he could only stay in his room. I would sit with him every day and take care of him. I would lovingly make his favorite afternoon snack every day; toasted bread with butter (sometimes jam, but not too much) and warm milk with turmeric and black pepper. He used to tell me that he loved his lunch from my hands and lovingly asked me to eat his meals with him. It was my responsibility to make sure that his water bottle was full and that he had two bananas at all times. He told me that he needed two bananas because when he woke up early to pray Fajr namaz and to read the Holy Quran, he got very hungry. Whenever my mama would try to fill his water bottle for him, he would stop her and tell her that he reserved that task only for me. He loved me taking care of him as he loved to see me living by the teachings of Allah. I would take care of his laundry, take out his trash, and hang up his clothes. I would make his bed and help clean his room.

Even after living in his room, he made sure he was involved in my life. Every day, he would ask me how my school was and how my sports were doing. He would keep chocolate and ice cream in his room for me and my sister to share with him. Every week when I went to Tahir Academy, he asked me to pray for him in the mosque. Whenever I won a prize at the Regional Ijtima or in school, he would take a picture of me and lovingly send it to my other relatives. He would pray for me so much and I also prayed for him. I prayed for him so much that now whenever I pray Namaz and go into prostration, the word "Dadaba" slips out of my mouth. I loved him so much and had a constant worry for his health. Every night, I would press my ear to the door and listen to his snoring to

make sure he was sleeping okay. I didn't care if I didn't get any sleep. I just cared if Dadaba, my beloved Dadaba, was okay. The longest time I was away from him was when I had a terrible virus. I did not go into his room for a week and in fear of getting him sick. That week I had no other choice but to fill his water bottle. I kept my distance, but my Dadaba told me that he didn't care that I was sick and kissed my forehead.

My Dadaba got really sick and there was no other choice but to put him in rehab as his legs became very weak. When my Dadaba was in rehab, I desperately missed the feeling of hearing his call "سارا پیاری پانی تم نے میرے ساتھ please?" Or "میری بیٹی دودھ لا دو" Or "اے کریم کھانی ہے" ("O, beautiful Sara! Please fill my water! Do you want to eat ice cream with me or beautiful Sara bring milk?" Or "My daughter please bring milk!") I visited him every day and spent all my time praying for him to get him better. I didn't want to admit it was time for him to go to Allah, I just wanted him to come home.

Those two weeks he was in rehab and the hospital were the hardest weeks of my life. He hated being in rehab and would ask nurses to let him go home, but whenever I would visit him, he would calm down during those two weeks.

Dadaba had a stroke and he could not remember anyone or anything, but when he saw my face, he said, "کیسے ہو میری بیٹی? Mashallah meri Sara Para" When he said this, I instantly started crying. I was in tears at the fact that my Dadaba, my beloved Dadaba, was having trouble remembering his own name, but somehow, he still remembered me. A few days later, my Dadaba's last time in this worldly life arrived and he was in immense pain. My parents told me the last word he ever said was my name. Even in so much pain, he was still softly calling my name "Sara!" "Sara!" the way he had called out to me so many times. On 9

September, my Dadaba took his last breath while holding my hand. I cannot express how much grief I have now that he has gone. Dadaba, my beloved Dadaba, is in a better place now. He was in extreme pain and Allah; the Almighty took him out of it. I have learned so much from my Dadaba. He was a person of amazing character and I honor him every day in my heart. I will always keep my Dadaba's teachings with me and I will always remember him as my role model. He was devoted to Jamā'at and loved namaz more than anything in the world. Allah did what was best for Dadaba, so I will no longer be sad but be grateful for Allah relieving my dear Dadaba's pain. He loved Khalifatul-Masih and I know he is smiling from heaven by his name being mentioned by him. May Allah always keep the love for Jamā'at and prayer in our hearts as

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وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٨٩﴾

'And make them, our Lord, enter the Gardens of Eternity which Thou hast promised them, as well as such of their fathers and their wives and their children as are virtuous. Surely Thou art the Mighty, the Wise. 40[Al-Mu'min/Ghāfir]:8/9

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 Waṣīyyat.	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 Waṣīyyat.	National Wasaya Dept.	Jamā'at
4-5 Nov, Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at /Auxiliary Activities	Local/ Auxiliary	Jamā'at
11 Nov-Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jama'at.	In-Person / Zoom Meeting
11 Nov-Sat	Waqf-e-Nau Regional Ijtima	Waqf-e-Nau Dept.	In-Person / East Coast Regions
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
9 Dec-Sat	Rishta Nata Webinar-Garments for Each Other	National Rishta Nata Dept	Webinar
10 Dec Sun	Tarbiyat Webinar – 8 PM EDT.	Tarbiyat Dept.	Webinar
17 Dec-Sun	Know Your History	Isha'at Dept.	Webinar
22-24 Dec, Fri-Sun	West Coast Jalsa Salana (Tentative)	National/Jamā'at	Chino Mosque, CA
25 Dec, Mon	Christmas Day		Federal Holiday

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