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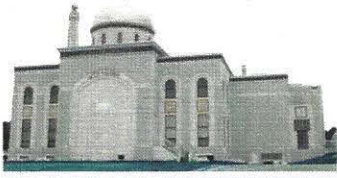
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Dear Members of USA Jama'at:

Assalamo Alaikum,

I wish you a Happy New Year. May this year bring you peace and security with nearness to Allah.

We are entering this year with an ongoing conflict with a trail of blood and human suffering. The world is inching closer to global catastrophe by turning away from its Creator. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih AyyadahoAllah has been repeatedly reminding us to pray and pray fervently to save this world from impending calamity. Prayer is our only salvation.

Hazrat Masih Maud (AS) states,

“It is at a time of trial that the wonderful and rare qualities and effects of prayers are manifested. The truth is that our God is recognized only through prayers.” (Malfoozat Vol III).

He further states,

“Blessed are you who do not get tired in your prayers and your souls melt when you pray and your eyes shed tears. The God to whom we call is very Benevolent, Merciful, Modest, True, Faithful, and Compassionate to those who are humble. Prayer comes from God and returns to Him. Through Prayer, God comes close to you as your life is close to you.” (Lecture Sialkot).

Let us meet the new year with prayer, heeding to the call of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih AyyadahoAllah. And may we be counted among those who are called blessed by the Promised Messiah (AS). May Allah accept our prayer.

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S.a./s:	Ṣallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)
A.s./a:	'Alaih-is-Salām
R.a.:	Raḍiyallāhu 'Anhu/'Anha (may Allah be pleased with him/her)
R.h.:	Raḥimahullāhu Ta'ālā (may Allah shower His mercy on him)
A.b.a.:	Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā Bi-Naṣrihil-'Azīz (may Allah support him with His mighty help)

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# Guidance from the Holy Quran: Ears, Eyes and Skins will bear Witness on the Day of Judgement

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا مَا جَاءُوهَا شَهِدَ عَلَيْهِمْ سَمْعُهُمْ وَأَبْصَارُهُمْ وَجُلُودُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Till, when they reach it, their ears and their eyes and their skins will bear witness against them as to what they had been doing. (41[Ha Mim As-Sajdah]: 21)

## Commentary:

The ears and eyes of the guilty will bear witness against them in three ways:

(1) The evil consequences of the actions of disbelievers will take physical form in the next world and thus will be quite apparent for anyone to see.

(2) The very organs of the bodies of disbelievers having been vitiated by misuse, their vitiate condition will bear witness against them; and

(3) The words uttered by them and all the movement of the organs of their bodies, having been preserved, will be reproduced on the Last Day.

[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)]

## Commentary by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him):

The foremost of the testimonies against the criminals on the Day of Judgment, laid down in these verses (21-23), is surprisingly the testimony of skin. The testimony of skin was unfathomable in that age; but in the current age anthropologists have conclusively proven that external and internal features of a human being have been stamped, most of all, in every cell of the skin. So much so that if an animal, died millions of years before, is buried in such a way that its skin cells are preserved, only a single cell of those can be used to recreate exactly the same animal. The procedure of creation of sheep or humans by skin cells through genetic engineering also proves this very Quranic testimony. (Commentary of the Holy Qur'ān by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, English translation by Missionary Shahid Ahmad of Ghana published in the Ahmadiyya Gazette Online USA, June 2023, p. 21)

# Guidance from the Holy Prophet: Invoking Darūd on the Holy Prophet

May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرَ صَلَوَاتٍ وَحُطَّتْ عَنْهُ  
عَشْرُ خَطِيئَاتٍ وَرُفِعَتْ لَهُ عَشْرُ دَرَجَاتٍ - "

The Messenger of Allah, may peace and blessings of Allah be on him, said: "Whoever sends blessings upon me once, Allah will send blessings upon him tenfold and will erase from him ten misdeeds and raise him ten degrees in status." Sunan al-Nasa'i (1297), the Book of Forgetfulness (in Prayer)

سَمِعَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَجُلًا يَدْعُو فِي صَلَاتِهِ لَمْ يُمَجِّدِ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى وَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَجَلَ هَذَا، ثُمَّ دَعَاهُ فَقَالَ لَهُ - أَوْ لِعَیْرِهِ - إِذَا صَلَّى أَحَدُكُمْ، فَلْيَبْدَأْ  
بِتَحْمِيدِ رَبِّهِ وَالتَّنَائِ عَليهِ، ثُمَّ يُصَلِّي عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، ثُمَّ يَدْعُو بَعْدُ بِمَا شَاءَ -

The Holy Prophet heard a person supplicating during a prayer. He neither mentioned the greatness of Allah nor prayed for blessings on the Holy Prophet. The Prophet said that he did his prayers in haste. The Prophet then called him and said or said to someone else, "If any of you pray, he should start mentioning the praise of Allah and then pray for blessings on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Then he should ask Allah anything." (Sunan Abi Dāwud 1481, Kitab Al-Salāt, detail about Witr. Translated from Urdu by the Editor of the Ahmadiyya Gazette Online, USA)



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# The Promised Messiah's Revelations about Darūd



The revelation that was sent to the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) regarding Darūd Sharif (Salat ‘Alan-Nabi, praying for blessing for the Holy Prophet) is as follows:

“Call down blessings on Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and the people of Muhammad. Calling down blessings is the true training. I [God] shall raise you towards Me and bestow My nearness upon you. And I have conferred My own love upon you.” (Barahin-e- Ahmadiyya, Part III [English], p. 212)]

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) further said:

“By invoking Darūd (praying for blessings) on the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), one can attain the status of Prophet Jesus (peace be on him) and even the rank of Prophet Moses (peace be on him), and God will prove this through the person of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him).” (Barāhīn-e-Ahmadiyya, Part III [English], p. 175)

The Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says:

“On one occasion it so happened that I remained very much occupied with calling down blessings on the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, for a long time, for I believed that the ways leading to God are very fine and cannot be discovered except through the agency of the Holy Prophet, as Allah says too,

وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ

[And seek the way of approach unto Him, Surah al-Ma’idah, 5:36]. After a time, I saw, in a vision, that two water carriers came and entered into my house, one by the outer entrance and the other by the inner entrance carrying on their shoulders waterskins full of divine light and they said:

هَذَا بِمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

[This is on account of the blessings you invoked upon Muhammad].”

(Haqiqatul-Wahi, The Philosophy of Divine Revelation by Hazrat Promised Messiah, p. 154 (Footnote))



***May Allah support him with His mighty help.***

## **1 December 2023**

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) continued to narrate incidents that happened during the battles. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said that he would speak about the character of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) at the Battle of Uhud. The Quraish army departed from Mecca under the leadership of Abu Sufyan with three thousand soldiers. They included Hind, the wife of Abu Sufyan, who was able to convince the men to allow women to accompany them, and as such, it is recorded that fifteen women accompanied the army. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) consulted with the

## **8 December 2023**

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) continued to describe events that happened before the Battle of Uhud. The Holy Prophet's opinion was that they should remain in Madina and attack from there. But young companions who had not taken part in the Battle of Badr due to their age were eager to go out and fight. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) advised his companions to remain patient and they would come out victorious. The people went to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and said that their intention had not been to oppose his opinion, and if he felt that they should remain in Madina then they would remain in Madina. The Holy Prophet responded that it did not behoove a prophet to remove his armor until God had decided between him and the enemy. On reaching Uhud, Abdullah bin Ubay bin Salol, chief of the hypocrites betrayed the Muslims by

Companions about this battle and it was agreed to fight the enemy out of Madina.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V urged to continue prayers for the Palestinians. He said that after the pause in fighting, there will be indiscriminate bombardment upon them once again, as a result of which more innocent people will lose their lives. What will be the extent of this cruelty? Only Allah knows the best. The intentions of the greater powers for them are very dangerous. Hence, we must pray a great deal for them, that Allah the Almighty has mercy on them.

separating himself from three hundred followers and returned to Madina. Only 700 Muslim souls had to fight 3000 warriors of Quresh. The Holy Prophet enjoined the Muslims to adhere to the commandments revealed by God and abstain from that which He has forbidden. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said that he would continue the details of the battle.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V urged continued prayers for the Palestinians. In recent days, after the pause in fighting ended, exactly what was expected is taking place now. The Israeli government is bombarding and attacking every part of Gaza with even greater force than before. More innocent children are being martyred. Now, even a Jewish representative of Congress in the United States has said enough is enough.

## 15 December 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) narrated the incident of the Battle of Uhud. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) stationed 50 archers on the mountain from where the enemy could attack and instructed archers not to leave there under any circumstances until instructed by him. On the day of Uhud, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) held a sword and asked who would take it. All the Companions expressed their willingness. The Holy Prophet again asked, saying who would do justice to it? Upon this the Companions became silent, however, Hazrat Abu Dujanah (may Allah be pleased with him) spoke up and said he would do justice

## 22 December 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) narrated incidents during the Battle of Uhud. During the battle, the disbelievers suffered great loss at the hands of the Muslims and they were forced to flee. However, despite the Holy Prophet's (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) instructions, most of the Companions stationed upon the hill left their post, causing the Muslims to endure great loss. Upon seeing the disbelievers flee, the Muslims went after them, and in their hastiness, despite calls not to, many archers on the hill also went after the disbelievers. Many historians have commented that the hastiness of these Companions was due to their desire to obtain the spoils of war. However, it does not seem accurate to assert this regarding the Companions of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V explained why some companions left their posts on the hill. The Companions were ready to sacrifice anything and everything they had for the sake of Islam and the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him), when they had already given everything, they had, and they even desired the station of martyrdom then it cannot be said that the Companions were chasing after the spoils of war. These wars were not fought for the sake of spoils, rather the spoils would be a secondary result of the battle. Hence, it does not seem accurate to say that the Companions left the hill out of their desire to hastily seek spoils. Rather, it seems more likely that upon seeing the disbelievers flee, they assumed a certain victorious end to the battle. Or, they saw that their brothers were engaged in face-to-face combat and sought to partake. However, their appointed leader Hazrat Abdullah bin

## 29 December 2023

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) continued to narrate incidents during the Battle of Uhud. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V said: That upon the Muslims abandoning their station on the mound, the disbelievers

to it. Thereafter, he wreaked great havoc against the enemy using that very sword, thereby doing justice to it. The Muslims won the battle.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) urged continuous prayers for the Palestinians. The cruelties are exceeding all bounds and increasing by the day. May Allah bring the oppressors to task and create ease for the oppressed Palestinians. May he grant the Muslim countries reason and understanding that they must unite as one voice so that they may be those who strive to uphold the rights of their Muslim brethren.

Jubair (may Allah be pleased with him), was calling out to them to remain in their posts.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) also described the martyrdom of Hazrat Hamzah (may Allah be pleased with him), the paternal uncle and foster brother of the Holy Prophet. He fought valiantly in the battle. His body was mutilated, and his liver was extracted and taken to Hind (the wife of an enemy leader) who chewed it. It saddened the Holy Prophet. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that the angel Gabriel came and informed him that Hazrat Hamzah (may Allah be pleased with him) had been recorded in the seven heavens as being a lion.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) asked for prayers for Palestinians. The war is continuing. Although more voices are being raised and people say that injustices are being perpetrated, however, it seems that everyone is afraid of the Israeli government. Either that, or the Western world is naturally against the Muslim world and harbors hatred against them, due to which they do not wish for the injustices against them to end, or are not taking the necessary actions to bring the injustices to an end. They do not consider that these injustices are being perpetrated against innocent children, women, and the elderly. Hence, we cannot fully trust them, however, we must continue striving to help them understand and we must also continue to pray. May Allah enable the Muslim world to bolster its voice so that they may raise their voices and bring an end to these injustices. (Summary adapted from the Review of Religions)

launched a fierce attack from the rear. However, even in this frantic state, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) remained steadfast and patient. He would call out to the companions hearkening



them to return to the battlefield and fight. In the fray, the Holy Prophet was stuck by rocks and fell unconscious. The false news spread that God forbid the Holy Prophet had been martyred. In the battle, the Muslims suffered a great loss which could have been avoided had the Muslims adhered to the instructions of the Holy Prophet. The Prophet of Allah remained firm and did not take a single step backward, rather he constantly shot arrows.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) led the funeral prayer of Dr. Muhammad Jalal Shams who was serving as a missionary. (He was the father of Atiya-tul-Haye Malik and father-in-law of Jawad Ahmad Malik of Silver Spring, serving as Audio Video Secretary of Maryland Jamā'at). Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih said:

He was a very capable, intelligent, and simple life devotee, who recently passed away. He initially served at various places in Pakistan. Then, upon the instruction of the third Caliph (may Allah shower His mercy on him), he studied the Turkish language in Islamabad. He was then sent to Turkey for higher education in the Turkish language, where he obtained his PhD in the Turkish language. Then, upon the instruction of the Fourth Caliph (may Allah shower His mercy on him), he served as a missionary in the UK and Germany. As such, he knew many people from Turkey, the UK, and Germany, and they have been writing about him. He was later appointed as the in charge of the Turkish Desk in the UK,

in which role he served until his demise. He was blessed with great intelligence. He was even offered a job by the university in Istanbul; it was a good job with excellent compensation. When he received the offer, he sought guidance from the Fourth Caliph (may Allah shower His mercy on him) about what he should do. The Fourth Caliph advised that he should decide after prayers and careful consideration. Upon doing so, he decided to give precedence to his life devotion, and he turned down the offer. In 2002, he was imprisoned in Turkey for four months because of preaching the message of Islam Ahmadiyya. He helped translate the Holy Qur'an into Turkish, along with translating dozens of other books, including those of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) into Turkish. He was extremely intellectual and loved to read, both literature of the Community and other literature as well. He was very humble and despite his esteemed knowledge, he was not too proud to seek help from even junior missionaries. He knew various languages. He also used to translate the Friday Sermon. Turkish natives would express how impressed they were with his mastery of the Turkish language. He had a great deal of love for the Caliphate. He would see true dreams. He would always remain occupied in the remembrance of Allah. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) prayed that may Allah elevate his station, grant his wife and children patience, and enable them to carry on the legacy of his virtues.

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

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# Khilafat News

## “I pray for the New Year to be blessed in every respect.”

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) said at the end of the concluding address at Jalsa Salana Qadian on 31 December 2023:

“I pray for the New Year to be blessed in every respect. May Allah bestow His mercy on the Muslim Ummah. May Allah grant progress to the Ahmadiyya Jamā‘at as well.”

## Allah helps those who work hard

### National Amila of Trinidad and Tobago meets with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V



On 26 November 2023, the national Amila of Trinidad and Tobago had the opportunity to meet Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) in a virtual

Mulaqat.

National Amila members introduced the departments and tasks they were given and provided a

brief background of what had been accomplished.

Hassan Hussein was the first to present his report, in which he said

he was serving as Naib Amir, Secretary Wasaya, and Auditor. Hearing this, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) smiled and said, "So, you are holding all the portfolios."

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) asked, "How many Amila members are Musi and asked them to raise their hands." Apart from these Amila members, you only have three other members who are Musi," Khalifatul-Masih V said.

Alluding to the Amila members, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) said that they should all do waṣiyyat. "If they do waṣiyyat, it means 33% of your earning members will be Musi [...]"

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V emphasized, "Organize your system properly."

Aman Muhammad reported that he was both the Secretary for the Ta'lim department and the Tarbiyat department.

He reported that he was holding online classes. Hearing this, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) said, "You are confusing your Ta'lim department with the auxiliary organization's Ta'lim department. There is a difference," Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) explained, "between the Ta'lim department of the Jamā'at and the auxiliary organizations. Here, in the Jamā'at, the Ta'lim department's job is to keep the data of all the students going to school, university, [...] guide them, give them proper guidance; make a committee – form a committee for their counseling and guidance so that the Jamā'at's students can have a better opportunity to select their subjects, [so that] they are properly guided. This is the work of the Ta'lim [department]."

Addressing the Amir, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) said, "Now you can see to

it that, if needed, and just to efficiently carry out your work, you should appoint different people for different posts. And if the Jamā'at has elected the same person for a different post, then you can ask the Centre to get permission from me.

Safir Hussein, Secretary of Finance, reported on various budgetary matters. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V asked if he was satisfied with the Chanda of the members and what was being done to make it up to the mark. Safir Hussein replied that over the last few years, they had improved and were slowly moving up.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) explained, "All the members, and especially those who have lucrative businesses, those who are well off, and those who are affluent people, should pay their Chanda according to the prescribed rate. And they should know the importance of Chanda, [...] they should pay Chanda to win the love of Allah the Almighty. That should be the main purpose of paying the Chanda.

Farhan Ogir said he was a member of the Amila and Finance Committee, and reported that he was dealing with special projects of the Jamā'at. Speaking to Secretary Waqf-e-Nau, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) asked him if he was a Waqf-e-Nau and also asked about his profession. The secretary replied in the affirmative and said he was an optometrist.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V went on to explain, "So, after having attained the age of 15 and above, children themselves should renew their bond; that they will continue [their waqf] or not."

In light of his Ja'idad duties, Riyad Din reported that they have seven mosques and four mission houses.

Abdul Noor, a missionary at Valencia and serving as the National

Secretary for Tabligh, said he was originally from Haiti. He reported that in the last three years, there have been 5-7 new converts in his region alone. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) explained, "Ask all your Secretaries of Tabligh that they should work hard, make a proper Tabligh plan, and get more Bai'ats." Upon this, Abdul Noor said, In-Sha-Allah. Hearing this, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V smiled and said, "Now, In-Sha-Allah should be Masha-Allah [...] Allah helps those who work hard."

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) asked how many Ahmadiis were in the Tobago region, to which Bashir Qwow reported that there were no Ahmadiis there before and added that since they had arrived, they had converted 8 people.

"No Ahmadi in Tobago? What has Amir Sahib been doing in the last 40 years, there?" Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V asked. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) then addressed Amir Sahib and asked how long he had been there, to which Amir Sahib replied that he had been there for 35 years. "And during these 35 years, you couldn't have even a single Bai'at." Amir Sahib reported that they had some Bai'ats; however, they migrated to other countries.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V then addressed Amir Sahib in Urdu and firmly admonished him to work diligently to achieve a transformative impact in Trinidad and Tobago.

Speaking with Naveed Ishaq, a Ghanaian missionary serving in Tobago, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) said, "Only 65,000 people are living in Tobago, so you should try to convert the whole habitation to Ahmadiyyat [...] There are three missionaries there; you should bring about a revolution there." (Adapted from a report prepared by Al-Hakam)



# Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V Mentions US Ahmadis

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) led the funeral prayer in absentia of the following US Ahmadis during the Friday sermon of 24<sup>th</sup> of 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 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 Jami'a 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 the 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.

### Invitation to Writers for the Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA

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

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

# International News of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Sri Lanka holds Jalsa Salana 2023 in Pasyala



The Jalsa Salana of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Sri Lanka was held on 29 October 2023, at the -ul-Basit Mosque in Pasyala, chaired by Markaz representative, Additional Wakil-ul-Tabshir Abdul Majid Tahir.

Before the start of the main program, flag hoisting was done by Abdul Majid Tahir, followed by silent prayer.

The main event started with an address by the National President, S Nizam Khan, who highlighted the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pasyala, wherein he mentioned the inauguration of the Bait-ul-Basit Mosque, which was inaugurated two days prior.

Ahmadiyyat in Pasyala was established through the

late Ubaidullah who faced a lot of opposition in the beginning.

A Markaz guest, Sir Iftikhar Ayaz, detailed in his speech the history and objectives of Jalsa Salana as outlined by the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

The National President, S Nizam Khan, also delivered an address in Sinhala on the true concept of jihad.

There were addresses on topics such as the spiritual revolution created by the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), the institution of Waṣiyyat, the existence of God, faith-inspiring incidents of Ahmadiyya Khulafā, and the blessed life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

The concluding address was delivered on the system of Waṣiyyat, by Abdul Majid Tahir.

Urdu addresses were translated into the local Tamil language. Urdu poems and group Qasida were also part of the Jalsa. The day-long Jalsa concluded with a vote of thanks by the National President, followed by a silent prayer led by Abdul Majid Tahir.

Ahmadi men, women, and children from all parts of the country attended the Jalsa and their number exceeded 1,000. (A. Abdul Aziz, Sri Lanka Correspondent)



## Announcement of Ramadan and Eids 2024

The National Calendar was presented at the National Amila Meeting on December 9, 2023. It is being shared with all Jamā'ats immediately.

Members are asking about the dates of the start of Ramadan and Eid days. Respected Amir has appointed a Moonsighting Committee of the U.S.A. Jamā'at that is responsible for announcing the start of Ramadan and Eid days.

Professor Hameed Naseem, Chair of the Committee, wrote:

After considering the crescent moon visibility maps, which have been developed based on the data provided by Her Majesty's Nautical Almanac Office (U.K.) and using the criterion of visibility with the naked eye (without the use of any optical aid), the Moonsighting Committee has recommended the following for the Calendar Year 2024:

### 1. Start of Ramadhan:

- 1.1. The first day of Ramadan in the continental U.S. and the state of Alaska will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024,
- 1.2. The first day of Ramadan in Puerto Rico will also be on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Whereas
- 1.3. The first day of Ramadan in Hawaii will be Monday, March 11, 2024.

### 2. Eid ul Fitr:

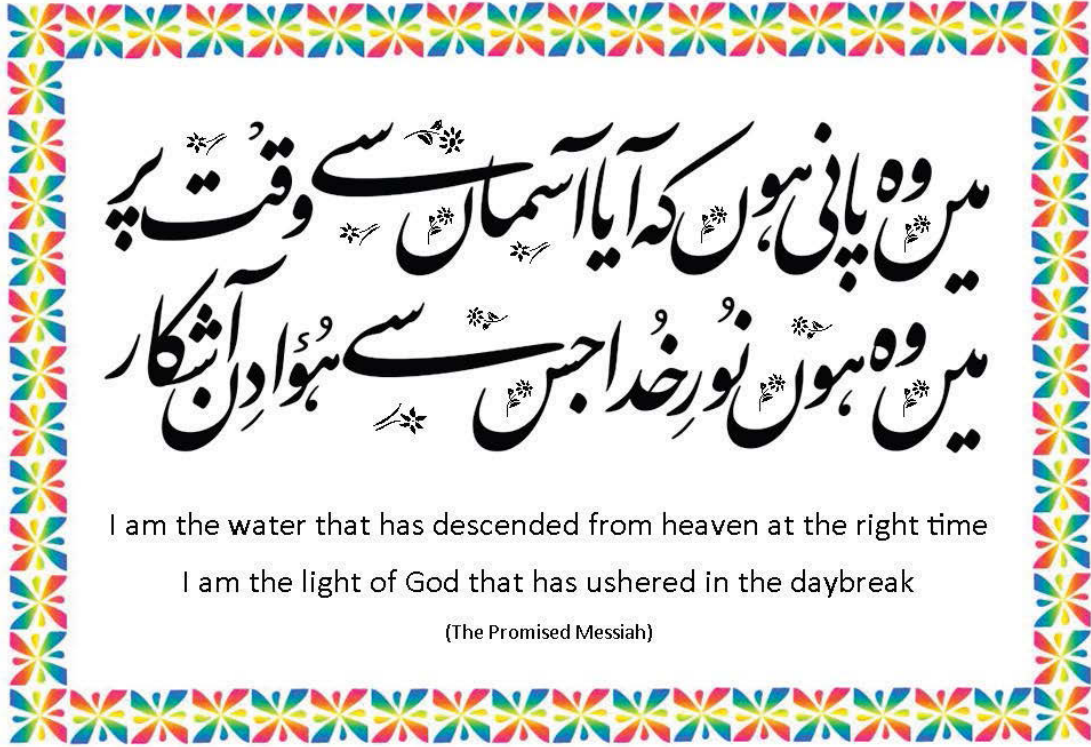
Eid ul Fitr in the continental U.S. and the states of Alaska and Hawaii will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. (We will have 29 days of Ramadan for the continental U.S. and the state of Alaska, whereas in Hawaii, Ramadan this year will be 30 days).

In Puerto Rico, Eid ul Fitr will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

### 3. Eid ul Adha

- 3.1. Eid ul Adha will be on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the continental U.S.
- 3.2. Eid ul Adha will be on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the states of Alaska and Hawaii
- 3.3. Eid ul Adha will be on Monday, June 17, 2024, in Puerto Rico

(Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)



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

We are excited to provide exclusive rates for your upcoming stay in Richmond, VA. We have partnered with many hotels to offer special rates for the Jalsa participants, ensuring a comfortable and convenient accommodation experience. To see the negotiated rates, please visit: <https://jalsasalana.us/accommodation/>

Hotel	Distance From GRCC
Richmond Marriott	500 Ft.
Hilton Richmond	0.1 Mile
Hyatt Place RIC Airport	5.5 Miles
Homewood Suites RIC Airport	7.4 Miles
Holiday Inn Express RIC Airport	7.5 Miles
Doubletree RIC Airport	7.6 Miles
Hilton Garden Inn RIC Airport	7.6 Miles
Hampton Inn RIC Airport	7.7 Miles
Sheraton RIC Airport	8.6 Miles

# Departmental Reports Summary 2022-2023 Up to Shūrā 2023

Compiled by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Editor of the Ahmadiyya Gazette USA

## General Secretary

General Secretary: Missionary Mukhtar A. Malhi

- Correspondence with Markaz: 2698 letters were received which included instructions from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) on various matters, Amendments in the Rules & Regulations of Tahrik Jadid, and other letters concerning departments.
- Held National Amila meetings on Zoom except the in-person meeting with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) in October 2022.
- Held Shūrā preparation meetings and coordinating 2023 Shūrā representative elections.

## National Tabligh

National Secretary Tabligh: Waseem Ahmad Sayed

- About six hundred Active Dā'īn Ilallāh: 577.
- Letters to editor published: 84
- About 70,000 leaflets distributed
- Twitter retweets 15,475, Facebook reposts 14,605, Instagram reposts: 1,850
- Over 100,00 people received the message of Islam through leaflets and other platforms: 9815
- Number of real talks on Islam programs: 219
- Quran exhibitions held during July 2022-3: 35

## National Tarbiyat

National Secretary Tarbiyat: Dr. Faheem Younus

- Inspire members to offer congregational Salāt. Fostering the love of the Holy Qur'ān
- Webinar-Qur'ān Talks: December 2022-839, January 2023-944, February 2023-900, and March 2023-784
- Complete Quran This Ramadan” Initiative: Before Ramadan 2023, the Tarbiyat Department launched the “Complete Quran This Ramadan” drive encouraging members to complete one full reading of the Holy Qur'an. Nearly 2000 members from 57 Jamā'ats signed up for this drive. More than 75% of the members under 25 years are attempting a full reading of the Qur'an during Ramadan for the first time.
- Addressing Un-Islamic Practices, Conflict Resolution, and Unique Demographics.
- The 7th Annual Tarbiyat Conference was held at Masjid Mubarak VA on December 3rd, 2022. It was attended by almost 100 Tarbiyat Secretaries, Presidents, and Missionaries.
- A major revamp of our official website, www.spiritualfitness.us was completed in 2022 and the content was updated. Twitter followers: 4000 and 30,000 views per month. We are uploading Tarbiyat-related short clips of Khulafā on our YouTube channel.

## National Ta'lim (Education)

National Secretary Ta'lim: Atif Rehman Miān

- K-8 Math Challenge and Math Contests Programs
- National youth camp
- Educational loan/scholarship program
- Pan-African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association educational grant program
- Ten got Ta'lim awards at US/ UK Jalsa
- National Education Excellence webinars



- Students Database

## National Rishtā Nata

National Secretary Rishtā Nata: Ahsan Mahmood Khan

- Through February 2023, there are currently 596 Ahmadis (USA) registered in the national database, of which 362 (61%) are female and 234 (39%) are male.
- Successful matches from the database through the Rishtā Natā department in 2022-3: 23

## National Publications

National Secretary Ishā'at: Syed Sajid Ahmad

- Exhibition of Jamā'at literature held: 70, Exhibition of the Holy Qur'ān: 28
- Website public: 41914, Libraries: 25060, Tabligh: 63639
- History of Ahmadiyyat in the US is uploaded on our website [ahmadiyyagazette.us/wp/history](http://ahmadiyyagazette.us/wp/history). Historic audios can be found under multimedia.
- Following the instructions of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah support him with His mighty help), the Muslim Sunrise has been published monthly since January 2022 and is going through other improvements as directed by the Khalifatul-Masih V.
- Ahmadiyya Gazette, April-September 2020 issue was published as the special centennial issue containing an overview of the history of Ahmadiyyat in the US. It covered 340 pages.
- Al-Nur, April-September 2020 issue was published as the special centennial issue containing an overview of the history of Ahmadiyyat in the US. It covered 276 pages.
- Ahmadiyya Gazette, October 2020-September 2021 issue was published as the Centennial Souvenir Issue. It consisted of 620 pages. It contained the history of departments that also listed the history of auxiliaries. A compilation of important persons in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community from pioneers to the present has been published. It covers 316 pages.
- Al-Hilal 100-Years has been printed. (88 pages)
- Quarterly history webinars are held under the topic "Know your history."

## National Audio-Video Report 2017

National Secretary Audio-Video / In-charge Alislam.org: Dr. Nasim Rehmatullah

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) Trip to the US: Provided comprehensive A/V support for Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih's trip to the US in the fall of last year (late September to mid-October), covering events in Zion, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Silver Spring. Our team, in collaboration with MTA, ensured seamless audio and video coverage of all events during the trip.
- Facilitated live streaming support for the inaugural Waqf-e-Nau Career Expo, connecting participants from across the country and enabling them to engage in this important event.
- Supported National Ijtimas (Ansar/Khuddam) and Jalsa Salana events on both East and West Coasts by providing A/V services, capturing, and preserving memories and moments, ensuring high-quality audio and video coverage, in collaboration with MTA USA, of these significant events for future generations.
- Enhanced our live streaming capabilities by upgrading equipment and software, resulting in improved video quality and viewer experience.

## National Umūr-e-Khārjīa (Public Affairs)

National Secretary Umūr-e-Khārjīa (Public Affairs): Amjad Mahmood Khan

- Meetings (including virtual) were held with 230 members of U.S. Congress (House) (or staff), 33 with members of U.S. Congress (Senate) (or staff), 37 with U.S. State Department officials in D.C., 26 with other government agencies in D.C., 15 with U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, 8 with United Nations officials, 7 with U.S. embassy officials, 24 with foreign embassy officials, 253 with mayors/governors/other state/city representatives, 36 with intellectuals/professors and 22 with NGOs/think tanks. The total number of the meetings is 691.
- 16th National Seminar and 12th Annual "Day on the Hill" event held in person for the first time in 3 years w/extensive efforts and media coverage.

- Regular teleconference meetings with locally elected PA secretaries; daily Signal communications with secretaries.
- September 29–October 18, 2022: Mosque inauguration events held at Fath-e-Azeem in Zion and Bait-ul-Ikram in Dallas (over 200 outside guests for both events with over 20 dignitaries at pre-events at both events; 1-on-1 meetings with members of Congress, foreign ambassadors, and professors with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V)
- Ninety-five delegates from 45 Chapters across 30 states participated in over 130 total in-person meetings with U.S. Congressional offices (House/Senate), including over 30 direct meetings with members of U.S. Congress (not staff), at Capitol Hill in D.C. Special presentations virtually distributed for each U.S. Congressional office.
- A total of 130 delegates, including Respected Missionary-in-Charge and 8 Missionaries, from 45 Chapters participated in this year’s in-person Seminar.
- Muslims for Life” Blood Drive Campaign
- U.S. State Department Outreach
- Federal (Congressional) Outreach
- International Religious Freedom Summit 2022 and 2023
- In Zion, as mentioned by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) in his Friday Sermon, the Associated Press (AP) featured an in-depth story (attached) about the prayer duel between the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and Dowie that became among the top 10 most-read AP articles in America that week. 412 separate media outlets (including Washington Post, ABC News, Yahoo, and other prominent dailies) in 13 countries -- with an estimated readership of at least 17.66 million people -- syndicated the story, which also featured a separate video feature and 30 separate photos (including the official photo of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him))
- In Dallas, extracts of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V’s (may Allah be his Helper) reception address were featured as an op-ed published by Penn Live (the largest paper in Pennsylvania, which has previously published Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V’s speech extracts as op-eds) -- with the title “We Must Act Fast to Avert a Nuclear War” - - and has been widely read across many states:
- Moreover, Jamā‘at USA took 3 full-page print ads in the Chicago Tribune, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, and Daily Herald (Lake County) featuring the historic victory of prayer over prejudice.

### National Umur ‘Amma 2022-3

National Secretary Umur ‘Amma: Bilal Rana

- Cleared 322 cases.
- Cleared 579 International cases.
- Ahmadi lawyers giving legal advice: 6, Jamā‘at members given medical advice: 287, Eid Gifts distributed: 103 families, Sadaqa requests processed: 68, Loan requests processed: 14, Rishta Nata Verifications: 61, and African American Pioneer Outreach: 9 families
- Security audits were conducted in Bait-ul-Hameed Mosque (Chino), Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque (Maryland) and Fath-e-Azeem Mosque (Zion).
- Disaster preparedness: Radiation safety PPE was purchased. Report submitted to Markaz (Islamabad) regarding the Tornado in Houston.

### National Ta‘lim-ul-Quran & Waqf-e-Ardi

National Secretary Ta‘lim-ul-Quran & Waqf-e-Ardi: Hafiz Mubarak Bola Kukoyi

- Al-Furqan: From Jan 2022 – Dec 2022, in each of the three data collection periods, on average 743 students from Lajna Imā‘illāh, Nāsirat-ul-Ahmadiyya, Atfāl-ul Ahmadiyya, and a few members of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya attended Holy Qur’an courses in Recitation, Translation, Commentary, and Memorization. The total number of students for the year may have been well above this average. A conservative estimate is being provided to avoid duplication of the same students taking courses the entire year. Data for Jan 2023 – Mar 2023 will be collected later In-Sha-Allah as Female faculty is given time off during Ramadan.
- Male faculty taught a total of 241 students. There are 25 Certified Male Teachers in the faculty of which 7 new

teachers were certified in this reporting period.

- Ameen Ceremony at Jalsa Salana West Coast: Ameen ceremony was held during Jalsa West Coast on Sat, Dec 24, 2022. TaQWA booth was set up at the Jalsa where many Jamā'at members visited. Flyers on Al-Furqan and Waqf-e-Ardi were distributed on the Lajna side. Atfāl and Nāsirat who visited the booth were given chocolates.
- National Qur'an Conference 2022: The National Virtual Qur'an Conference was held on October 30th, 2022, via Zoom. Overall attendance was 550+ members. Parallel to the main Conference, an engaging program for children was also held with interactive presentations. Over 220 kids attended. The Kahoot quiz was a favorite and was enjoyed by over 80 participants. In addition, 50+ kids volunteered to recite Ta'awwudh and Tasmia for all.
- Annual Hifz-ul-Qur'an Camp 2022: The National Hifz Camp was successfully held for 10 days for Nāsirat and Atfāl in July. 93 Atfāl and Nāsirat registered for the Camp. 82 students were accepted. 65 students were able to attend till the end. 72+ Huffaz, Certified Teachers, Assistants, Admins, and Administrators volunteered during the camp.
- Regional Qur'an Conferences: Regional Ta'līm-ul-Qur'an Classes were held during the year. The theme of the program was to inform Jamā'at members about the department's goals and inculcate the love of the Holy Qur'an via inspirational speeches, providing available resources and encouraging members to step forward to learn and become Holy Qur'an teachers and teach our young generation. Similarly, members were encouraged to participate in Waqf-e-Ardi. 4 Regional conferences were held (2 virtual and 2 Onsite).
- Hifz Program: Out of 3 students 2 have memorized 8 parts. One left because she couldn't meet the criteria. In October 2022, during the USA visit, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) granted permission for Hifz Madrasah (school). A working team was set up and a couple of meetings took place.

### National Tahrik Jadid

National Secretary Tahrik Jadid: Anwer Mahmood Khan

- Total collections of US \$ 3,00274 million are 16% ahead of last year's collection of \$ 2.74 m.
- The participant count was 14,310, a drop of 500 counts. This is due to the online entering of the member counts as a family unit rather than individual counts. However, we used last year's figure of 14,915 for the per capita calculation to be \$ 202.

### National Waqf-e-Jadid

National Secretary Waqf-e-Jadid: Nasirullah Ahmad

- The total collections amount to \$ 2,154,491. The total number of participants was 13,639.
- Participation under 14 was 2,883 and over 14 was 10,756.

### National Waqf-e-Nau

National Secretary Waqf Nau: Mirza Harris Ahmad

- The department continues to execute the carefully deliberated plan for the spiritual grooming and religious training of Wāqifin-e-Nau of all ages throughout the country. The reporting period is from July 01, 2022, to March 31, 2023.
- Quite a few initiatives were completed during the reporting period such as the comprehensive reconciliation of records in the national database, the launch of Waqf-e-Nau Hub, the first-ever Career Expo with Ahmadi professionals, the redesigning of Online classes, Jami'a's open house, the launch of Voice of Waqf-e-Nau monthly newsletter, Waqf-e-Nau website refresh, etc.
- High-Level Achievements: Special Waqf-e-Nau Classes with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper), Special classes with Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V were held in Dallas, TX & Bait-ur-Rahman, MD on October 5, 2012, and October 12, 2022 respectively. 90 Wāqifāt-e-Nau and 99 Wāqifin-e-Nau (boys) attended the Dallas class while 201 Wāqifāt & 209 Wāqifin-e-Nau (boys) attended the Bait-ur-Rahman Class.
- Monthly Meetings & Telegram Group: Local Secretaries were added to a Telegram Group for almost daily communication from/to the National Team and local/Regional Secretaries. This is in addition to a monthly call with Local and Regional Secretaries on the third Thursday of each month.
- West Coast Jalsa Salana: Interactive programs were held at the West Coast Jalsa Salana both at the Lajna

side and the Men's side including a Q&A with missionaries.

- 2023 Career Expo: First-ever Career Expo was held fully hybridized (available in-person and virtually) and covered 23 distinct careers by 45 field experts in 34 different sessions.
- Jami'a Inspiration Camp & Virtual Open House: In collaboration with MKA USA, the Waqf-e-Nau Department held a 3.5-hour "Jami'a Inspiration Camp & Virtual Open House" event on Zoom. This event was attended by 260 members of USA Jamā'at.
- Fax to Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) Service: A new "Fax to Khalifatul-Masih" portal is created allowing Wāqifin-e-Nau and Parents to send a Fax to Khalifatul-Masih. This also allows a template-driven fax for parents wanting to dedicate an unborn child. This portal is available on the waqfenau.us website.
- Waqf-e-Ardi: In one of the Mulaqat, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) instructed Secretary Waqf-e-Nau USA to promote Waqf-e-Ardi amongst Wāqifin-e-Nau. In this regard, the Waqf-e-Nau department is preparing a portal where Waqf-e-Ardi Internships hosted by various Jamā'at departments and organizations. 6 Khuddam (3 Wāqifin-e-Nau) did a Waqf-e-Ardi with MTA USA in Spring, 2023

### National Ja'idad (Properties)

National Secretary Properties: Niaz Butt

The largest responsibility of the National Property Department (NPD) this Jamā'at year was to prepare the Jamaat's property for the upcoming visit of Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his Helper). In preparation for the visit, the NPD managed the following major projects:

- Construction, furnishing, planning and site arrangements of the Zion Mosque,
- Construction, and furnishing of the new mission house in Zion,
- Oversight of the Dallas part of the tour as well as final changes to the guest house,
- Renovation, furnishing and site planning of the Fort Worth Mosque,
- Renovation and furnishing of Bait-ur-Rahman mission House and Guest House,
- Renovation and furnishing of a new guest house near Bait-ur-Rahman and
- Renovations and decorative lighting at the national headquarters of Bait-ur-Rahman Mosque.

Another responsibility of the NPD is their role in any purchase or sale of property. So far, this Jamā'at year the NPD has presented the following property-related transactions to the National Amila for voting along with all related research and documentation: Sale of Old Milwaukee Mosque (completed), Sale of Old Zion Mosque (completed), Purchase of land in Connecticut (in-progress), Sale of old Jamā'at Property in Pittsburgh (completed), Purchase of land in Austin (completed) and Sale of small strip of land to Montgomery County MD for sidewalk project next to Bait-ur-Rahman (in-progress).

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# Jamā'at Ahmadiyya in 2023

Compiled by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Editor of the Ahmadiyya Gazette USA

## Khilafat in 2023

Friday sermons and addresses on important occasions of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah support him with His mighty help) are an invaluable treasure of advice and guidance for the Ahmadiyya Community worldwide. A few of them in the year 2023 are mentioned below.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V at the end of Friday's Sermon of 30 December 2022, prayed that Allah the Almighty bestow His blessings with the coming of the **new year 2023**. May this new year be blessed for the Community. May all plots and ploys of the enemy be foiled. May Ahmadis worldwide fulfill the purpose of their lives more than ever before. He urged prayers for the world; may Allah save the world from war. The world's conditions continue to deteriorate and stand on the precipice of destruction. He also prayed for all those Ahmadis who are enduring injustices; may Allah the Almighty keep all members of the Community safe from injustice and cruelty in the new year.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V held virtual meetings of the National Amila of different countries, educational **online classes** with auxiliaries (Ansarullah, Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya, and Lajna Imā'illāh) and Waqf-e-Nau (Boys and Girls) of many countries during the year 2023.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih announced that by the Grace of Allāh, members of the Jama'at were able to make a total sacrifice of £9.6 million in Chanda **Waqf Jadid in 2022**, which is an increase of £500,000 from the previous year.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V announced the start of the ninetieth year of **Tahrik Jadid**. The **number of mosques** in 220 countries of the world is more than 9,300. The number of **mission houses** is more than 3,400. There are dozens of mosques and mission houses currently under construction. The number of missionaries and **Mu'allimeen** (teachers) in the world is close to 5,000 and is increasing. The **Holy Qur'an** has been translated into 77 languages. Literature in various languages continues to be published and a lot of other work is also being done through **Tahrik Jadid** along with other schemes. In the previous year, the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community offered a sacrifice of 17.20 million pounds, an increase of over £700,000 compared to last year. The US Jama'at was in fourth position in Tahrik Jadid's contribution behind Germany, Britain, and Canada.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V felicitated Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA on the publication of a special issue of the **Ahmadiyya Gazette USA** on 26 March 2023. He said: It is a good attempt. Mā-Shā'-Allāh. God may bless it for the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya America and enable all the readers to benefit from it. May Allah increase the knowledge and wisdom of your colleagues and always bless your efforts in the future. Amen.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V addressed the UK **Wāqifin-e-Nau** and Wāqifāt-e-Nau Ijtimas on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The 44<sup>th</sup> **Majlis-e-Shura UK** concluded on 21 May 2023 at the Tahir Hall of Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque, blessed by the presence of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper).

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his helper) graced the **convocation of Jami'a Ahmadiyya UK** held on 23 May 2023 at its campus in Haslemere. Four classes of Jami'a UK totaling 199 students received Shahid degrees from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V inaugurated the following mosques in 2023: **Bait-us-Salaam Mosque** in Scunthorpe, UK on 17 June 2023, **Mubarak Mosque** in Florstadt, **Sadiq Mosque** in Karben, Germany on 30 August 2023, **Nasir Mosque** in Waiblingen Germany on 5 September 2023, Germany on 28 August 2023, **Mosques in Frankenthal and Pfungstadt** on 15 September 2023 and New five-story building in **Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque** on 11 October 2023.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) hoisted the **Liwa-e-Ahmadiyyat** on Friday afternoon of 28 July 2023 and then formally opened the first session of the Jalsa Salana, UK.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (Allah be his Helper) initiated the **International Bai'at** ceremony on 3 September 2023 at **Messe Stuttgart**, Germany. He was presiding over the concluding session of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Germany. This convention marked the hundred years of the Ahmadiyya Community in Germany. Five mosques in Germany were inaugurated by him.

From 6-8 October 2023, Majlis Ansarullah UK held its annual **Ijtima** at the Bait-ul-Futūh Mosque complex in Morden, UK. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, graced the **Ijtima** on the final day to formally

conclude the event with an address. Majlis Ansarullah USA and France joined the concluding ceremony via Zoom link.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V is urging Jamā'at members in every Friday Sermon and Press Releases to pray for the ending of the **war between Israel and Hamas**.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V led the funeral prayer in absentia of the following US members of Jamā'at: **Dr. Karimullah Zirvi, Amatul Latif Zirvi, Nusrat Jahan Ahmad and Abdul Kareem Qudsi**.

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA in 2023

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA continued to make progress in all areas of activities. A few select activities are mentioned here.

New Year 2023 message from Amir Jamā'at USA: May we enter the new year with a firm resolve to affirm our faith by submitting to the will of Allah. May we enter this new year with a renewed commitment to our pledge of Bai'at and safeguard the institution of Khilafat.

A **Peace Symposium** on Teachings of Peace-According to my Belief was organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Masroor Mosque, Manassas VA, USA on 22 January 2023.

Columbus, Ohio chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA held **Seerat-un-Nabi day** on 29 January 2023 at Bait-un-Nasir Mosque.

A **Peace Symposium** "Teachings of Peace-According to my Belief" was organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Masroor Mosque, Manassas VA, USA on 22 January 2023.

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

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA held its **first-ever career expo** on 28 January 2023, at the Masroor Mosque in South Virginia.

Columbus, Ohio chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA held "**Seerat-un-Nabi**" day on 29 January 2023 at Bait-un-Nasir Mosque.

Miami chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA held **Seerat-un-Nabi Jalsa** (The Messenger of Peace) on 23 February 2023 at Bait-un-Naseer Mosque.

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

Buffalo Chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, held its **Annual Iftar Dinner** on April 1, 2023, at Mahdi Mosque on Colvin Blvd, Niagara Falls, NY.

On 1 April 2023, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Los Angeles held its **annual Iftar dinner**, inviting friends and neighbors from the region.

The public affairs department of South Virginia Jamā'at held its **annual Interfaith Iftar** at Masroor Mosque on 1 April 2023 in SVA, USA.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Boston held its **Annual Interfaith Iftar** Dinner at the Temple Sinai in Sharon on 2 April 2023.

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad wished **Eid-ul-Fitr Mubarak** to all the members of Jamā'at on 21 April 2023.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community held **Majlis Shura** at Bait-ur-Rahman, Maryland MD on 28-30 April 2023.

The Ohio Valley **Regional Ijtima** took place on 13 May 2023, at Bait-un-Nasir Mosque in Columbus, Ohio.

The Detroit Jamā'at Tabligh department held a **Tabligh activity** hosted by the City of Rochester Hills Cultural Council at Rochester University on 13 May 2023.

Miami chapter of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA held "**Khilafat Day**" at Bait-un-Naseer Mosque on 14 May 2023.

Philadelphia Chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA participated in the 30th **Annual Islamic Heritage Festival & Parade** on 10 June 2023.

The Medicine, Science, Learning, Innovation, and **Mentorship Conference** was held between 1-3 July 2023, at the JW Marriott Bonnet Creek in Orlando, Florida, USA.

The **Annual Convention** of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA was held at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex,

Harrisburg, PA from 14 July to 16 July 2023.

Nadine Maenza, President of International Religious Freedom receives the **AMC Humanitarian Award** at the 73rd Annual Convention, USA in July 2023.

A day of **unity and fellowship** was held at the AMC Zion on 13 August 2023.

Majlis Ansarullah Virginia region held **Ijtima** on 26 August 2023 at Masroor Mosque, Manassas.

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad urged the members of the US to Jamā'at on 8 October 2023 to contribute towards the **Mosque Fund**.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Detroit held a successful **Dā'īn ilallāh training camp** on 28 October 2023.

Columbus, Ohio witnessed a splendid display of unity at the **Regional Waqf-e-Nau Ijtima** held on 11th November, 2023 at Bait-un-Nasir Mosque.

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Austin partook in this year's **Texas Book Festival** held on 11-12 November 2023.

## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community World in 2023

By the grace of Allah Ahmadiyyat is progressing and flourishing all over the world despite severe opposition and persecution in many areas of the world. Some select happenings are listed here.

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Guinea-Bissau constructed a **mosque in Begini** which was inaugurated on 10 January 2023.

On 11 January 2023 in the Mahdi Abad community of Dori, Burkina Faso, **nine Ahmadis were martyred** for not renouncing their faith. They are: Alhaj Boureima Bidiga, AG Maniel Alhassane, AG Maliel Oussen, AG Hamidou Abdouramane, AG Ibbrahim Souley, AG Soudeye Ousmane, AG Maguel Agali, AG Idrahi Moussa and AG Adramane Agouma.

Amir and the missionary in-charge inaugurated **Tahir Mosque in Tafiré, Ferké, Ivory Coast** on 26 February 2023.

Muslim fanatics attacked the convention site of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Bangladesh on 3 March 2023 and a young **Ahmadi Zahid Hassan was martyred**.

On 27 March 2023, a group of thirteen American students along with Professor Mike Fosdal **visited the Fazl Mosque in London**.

On 14 May 2023, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Trelawny held its second **regional Jalsa Salana** at the Falmouth Prayer Centre.

On 17 and 18 May 2023, Jamā'at Ahmadiyya USA headlined an **International Peace Conference** hosted by Universidad de La Salle in Bogotá, Colombia.

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Guinea-Bissau inaugurated the **Bait-ul-Karim Mosque** on 23 June 2023 in Kasini, approximately 350 km from the capital Bissau.

On 8 July 2023, the **Prime Minister of Canada**, Justin Trudeau visited the Bait-un-Nur Mosque in Calgary, Canada.

Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Canada held its 45th **Annual Convention** on 14-16 July 2023 at the International Centre, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

His Majesty **King Charles** sent a special message to Jalsa Salana UK on 28 July 2023.

The 41st **Annual Convention** of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at Switzerland was held from 15-17 September 2023.

**Annual Convention Lithuania** was held on 13-14 October 2023, at Medininkų g. 5, 13266, Motiejūškės km, Vilnius.

Sir Dr Iftikhar Ahmad Ayaz KBE inaugurated **Bait-ul-Basit Mosque** on Colombo-Kandy Road on 27 October 2023.

A double-story **mosque was constructed in N'Djamena**, the capital of Chad. This is the first central mosque in Chad. This mosque is in the headquarters of Jamā'at Ahmadiyya, Chad.



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## Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Hartford CT participates in Thanksgiving celebration at Meriden Council of Neighborhood



South Meriden Neighborhood Associations Turkey and Toy Drive was held on 18 November 2023. They thanked everyone who donated turkeys and toys. The generosity of the donors was appreciated. Facebook posted the news. It paid special recognition to the Renegade Pigs Motorcycle Club, Christdelphian Church, and Ahmadiyya Bait-ul-Aman Mosque for always supporting the drive. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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## Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Detroit hosts a Tarbiyat class of Rochester University students



The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Detroit hosted a Tarbiyat class of ten students of Rochester University on 30 November 2023 at Mahmood Mosque in Detroit from 6-8 P.M.

Professor Dr. Keith Huey along with his class of 10 students visited the mosque and library.

Missionary Faran Rabbani focused on questions and answers from students. There were many questions and healthy discussions during the two-hour-long session.

One of the students asked about the difference between Sunni and Ahmadi Muslims, to which our missionary elaborated on the differences and the key similarities in the beliefs.

Islamic viewpoint and teaching on war were discussed in the context of the Palestine-Israel conflict and how the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) forbade the killing of children, women, the elderly, clergy, and animals during the war.

Questions on the Islamic teachings on women's education, women's rights, and the wisdom behind gender segregation were discussed.

The difference between culture and religion came up

during the discussions also. Many questions on diverse topics were asked to the missionary to which he provided a detailed answer.



Many students along with their professor stayed to observe how the Muslim prayers are offered in the congregation.

(Muhammad Ahmad Director of Outreach - Detroit Chapter)

## Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Atlanta GA organizes a Tabligh stall



Jamā'at Ahmadiyya Atlanta GA organized a Tabligh stall at Augusta on 12 December 2023. More than fifty people visited the stall. Forty-two flyers were distributed. Thirteen books of Ahmadiyya Jamā'at such as an Elementary Study of Islam and World Crisis and Pathway to Peace were also distributed.

## AMC, SVA in the US strengthens ties with Sierra Leonean Muslim Community



A chapter in collaboration unfolded as Al-Hajj Al-Osan of the Sierra Leone Muslim Community

Center in Hyattsville paid a visit to Missionary Shamshad Nasir of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Masroor Mosque in Manassas on 27 November 2023. They have exchanged visits on several occasions in the past, creating a foundation for a strong and enduring relationship.

The President, Outreach

Director, and members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community extended a warm welcome to Al-Hajj Al-Osan. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and mutual respect, reflecting shared values and commitment to fostering interfaith understanding. The gathering not only provided an opportunity for joint worship but also exemplified the unity in diversity that underpins

the spirit of intercommunity collaboration.

This ongoing exchange serves as a beacon of hope for the broader community, showcasing the potential for collaboration and friendship among people of different communities. (By Mirza Maaz Ali SVA)

## MKA USA procured the “Bagh-i-Ahmad” at Southern New Jersey



Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya USA procured 80 acres of land in Southern New Jersey. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper) named it as “Bagh Ahmad.” The purpose is to hold regional and national Ijtimas in the future. One part of this land consists of trees and the other part is smooth and cultivable. It is located close to the urban population and several airports are located at a close distance from it.

On 15 October 2023, 15, Sahibzada Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad Amir Jamā’at Ahmadiyya USA visited “Bagh Ahmad” and participated in the program organized by Majlis Khuddām-ul-Ahmadiyya. He gave useful suggestions for its future usage. Later, in his speech, Amir USA said: “This is a matter of great pride for the Majlis and the Jamā’at.” In the end, he led silent prayer.

After the prayer, a barbecue was arranged for lunch. After the meal, all the attendees offered Zuhr and ‘Asr prayers in the congregation. The event was attended by more than 280 guests, including several members of the National Amila, Presidents, and missionaries.

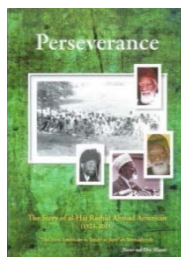
(Adapted from a report by Syed Raza Ahmed, MKA USA. Translated into English by the Editor from Al-Fazl dated 1 November 2023)

## Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) selects Dr. Hamid Rahim Sheikh, PhD as Fellows



President Association of Ahmadi Muslim Scientists (AAMS) USA announced that Dr. Hamid Rahim Sheikh, PhD was selected for the highly prestigious rank of IEEE-24 Fellow for contributions to visual quality prediction in mobile cameras.

The Ahmadiyya Gazette USA heartily congratulates Dr. Hamid Rahim Sheikh, PhD for achieving the honorable mention in IEEE-24.



The story of Br Rashid. Now available from [amibookstore.us](http://amibookstore.us). US \$ 4.

## Brother Al-Hajj Jameel Ghuari of Zion passes away



On 23 October 2023, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Zion helped lay to rest a long-time

pioneer member of the Zion Jamā'at and servant to the Racine Community, Al-Hajj Jameel Ghuari. He passed away peacefully at Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee on 18 October 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He is survived by three sons, Myron McNutt, Sharif Chambliss, and Isiah Scales, and his daughter

Huriyyah Ghuari, and many grandchildren. Also surviving are his three brothers Donald Robinson, Carl "Trick" Robinson, and Mark Chambliss, and his Ahmadiyya Muslim Family. May Allah grant him forgiveness and peace and allow his good deeds to continue to be a source of blessings for all that he has impacted, Amen! (From Junayd Latif, Daud Ahmad, Zakee Darr, and Waleed Ahmad).

## Malik Rashid Ahmad Khan father of Samina Malik of California passes away



Samina Malik, wife of Malik Latif Ahmad of Bait-ul-Hameed Halqa (Chino Hills) informed that her father Malik Rashid Ahmad Khan passed away on 10 December

2023 in Karachi, Pakistan at the age of 95 years. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

Malik Rashid Ahmad Khan was born on 10 December 1928 in Gurdaspur, India. He was a Musi and devout Ahmadi. He was a classmate and childhood friend of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him). He was very active in charitable works. He was a philanthropist and always helped the less fortunate. He would generously organize many funds for the unfortunate. He believed that he

should share his earnings with as many people as possible before returning to God and this was his way of gratitude. He is buried in Bahishti Maqbarah Rabwah, Pakistan. May Allah grant him high status in Jannah.

He was the grandfather to Erma Ahmad LA East, Salma Ahmad & Faraz Ahmad LA Riverside, and Saima Ahmad LA East. He is survived by his ten children and forty grandkids & thirty-seven great-grandkids. (President Los Angeles, CA)

## Maulānā Dr. Muhammad Jalal Shams passes away



Maulānā Dr. Jalal Shams passed away in the UK on 19 December 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 elder brother of Munir Ahmad Javed, Private Secretary to Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā Bi-Naṣrihil-'Azīz. He was the father of Atiya-tul-Haye Malik and father-in-law of Jawad Ahmad Malik of Silver Spring, serving as Audio Video Secretary of Maryland Jamā'at. Dr. Muhammad Jalal Shams was in-charge of the Turkish Desk at the London Markaz. He received his PhD in Turkish from Istanbul University in 1984. He was the eldest son of the late Sufi Nazir Ahmad and spent his childhood in Mohammadabad, District Tharparkar, Sindh, Pakistan, during

which he dedicated his life and went to Jami'a Ahmadiyya Rabwah to study.

He is survived by his wife (Tahira Shams), three younger brothers (Zulfiqar Ahmad Qamar (London), Munir Ahmad Javed (London), Naseer Najm (Germany), two younger sisters, three daughters, and one son.

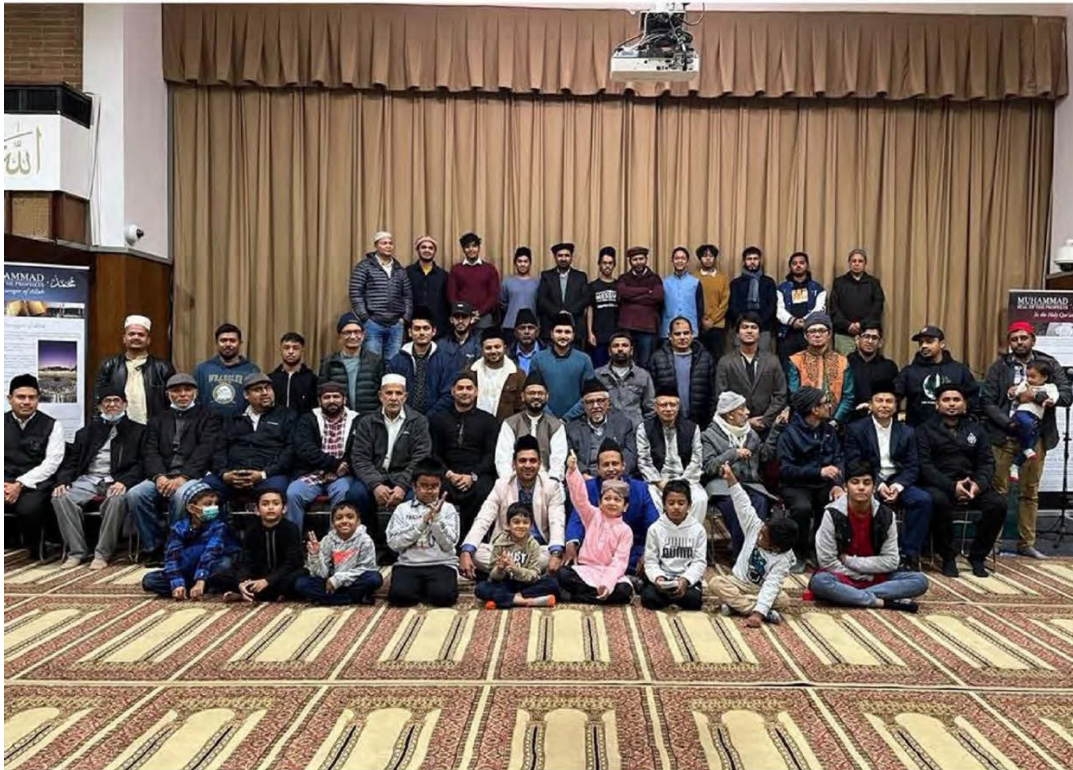
May Allah Ta'ala grant him an exalted place in Paradise and solace to family members. Amen (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at)

# From Bangla Desk USA

## Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visits the USA (October 19-November 13, 2023)

Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher from the UK visited the USA from October 19 to November 13, 2023.

He went to the Queens NY, the Bronx NY, Brooklyn NY, Washington Memorial Cemetery at Long Island NY, Albany NY, Binghamton NY, Buffalo NY, Maryland, Virginia, Miami FL, and Los Angeles, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Boston from 19 October to 13 November 2023.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited the Queens chapter for eight days and met eighty Bengali members living in the Queens. Seven Bai'ats took place. He contacted the editors of two Bangla newspapers. He

met with five journalists from local Bangla newspapers. During his visit, a Seerat-un-Nabi Jalsa was held and 27 guests attended. The Bangla Holy Qur'an and Ahmadiyya literature were given to the guests.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited the Bronx Chapter. He visited Bangla Bazar in Sterling, Bronx, New York. He also visited Ahmadiyya Mosque in the Bronx and offered Maghrib and 'Ishā prayers on 20 October 2023.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Bait-Ut-Tahir at the Brooklyn, New York



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher went to Washington Memorial Cemetery at Long Island, New York after Fajr prayer with Bengali Ahmadi members and offered prayers to the deceased members of the chapter. He also went to Bait-ul-Huda Mosque and offered Maghrib and 'Ishā prayers.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Albany, New York on 23 October 2023 and met Ahmadi families.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Bait-ul-Hamd Binghamton, New York on 23 October where he met Ahmadi families.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Buffalo Ahmadiyya Mosques Mahdi and Bait-ul-Majeed on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> October respectively. He met two Nau Mubaeen Bengali Ahmadi friends.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Washington D.C. on 27 October 2023 where he met Bangladesh National Consulate and presented the Holy

Qur'ān in Bangla and literature to the press minister. He went to Fazl Mosque and toured D.C. with missionary Yahya Luqman.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Bait-ur-Rahman and offered Jumu'a and visited Masroor Teleport and MTA studios. He met missionaries and Naib Amir Azhar Hanif.

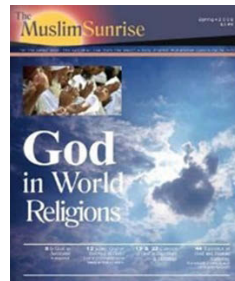
Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Virginia on 28 October 2023 and attended Jalsa Seerat-un-Nabi at Mubarak Mosque.

Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher visited Miami, Florida on 30 October 2023 and attended Jalsa Seerat-un-Nabi.



Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher also visited California where Jalsa Seerat-un-Nabi was held at Los Angeles Bangla Bazar. A total of 22 guests attended. Guests were presented with Jamā'at literature. He visited Forest Lawn, Glendale, the grave of the companion of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), Charles F. Sievwright (Hazrat Muhammad A. Haqq, may Allah be pleased with him).

Maulānā Ahmad Tareque Mubasher also visited New Jersey, Connecticut, and Boston.



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# The Promised Messiah's Love For the Holy Prophet

(May peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

Azhar Goraya

Love is one of the strongest emotions people can experience. The Taj Mahal, the story of Romeo Juliet, Laila, and Majnoon – all were created to give shape to the fire of love that burns within us.

Islam is a religion that is built upon human nature and has directed us in the proper use of all of our faculties and emotions, including love. Primarily, Islam is a religion of love. That may surprise some people, as it is usually Christianity that emphasizes its association with love. But it is Islam that teaches us to love both Allah and our fellow man and to practically show that love by fulfilling the rights of both, to an extent that is not found in other religions.

Expanding on this principle, the Holy Qur'an has induced obedience and sincere love to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). The Holy Qur'an states:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ  
وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ  
وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ  
تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ  
وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ  
فَاتَّبِعُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ  
وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

Say, if your fathers, and your

sons, and your brethren, and your wives, and your kinsfolk, and the wealth you have acquired, and the trade whose dullness you fear, and the dwellings which you love are dearer to you than Allah and His Messenger and strive in His cause, then wait until Allah comes with His judgment; and Allah guides not the disobedient people. [9:24]

There a hadith throws further light upon this verse:

Once, a companion approached the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and stated, "O Messenger of Allah, I love you." The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) replied, "How much do you love me?" the Companion replied, "As much as I love my children." The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) replied, "Then you are not a believer. More love than this is required for faith." The companion stated, "O Messenger of Allah! I love you as much as I love myself." The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) remarked, "Even now you cannot be a believer. Because more love than this is required for faith." The companion then stated, "O Messenger of Allah! I

love you more than my life, my wealth my wife, and my children!" The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) finally stated, "Now you are a believer." (Anwar-ul-Uloom, vol. 23, p. 157)

This level of love was practically demonstrated by the companions of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). They were abused and ridiculed, driven out of their homes, and ostracized by friends and families for their faith. Yet never did they prefer any worldly connection to the spiritual connection of love and fidelity that they had with their holy master Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

A small example of this love is found in the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him). He left his home and migrated to Medina from Mecca with the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). He stayed with him through every trial from the first day of his prophethood to the last. When news arrived of the death of his beloved companion, Hazrat Abu Bakr was outside of Medina. He went straight to the mosque without speaking to anybody. When he reached his body, he raised the sheet



covering his blessed face, kissed him on the forehead, and said, "My father and my mother be sacrificed for you, O Allah's Prophet! Allah will not combine two deaths on you. You have died the death which was written for you." (Sahih Bukhari, Book of Funerals)

The depth of their devotion moves us even today, 1400 years after their bodies have been laid to rest. But it is the practice of Allah that he leaves no era of Islam without a living example to follow. And we are blessed that we are in an age that has seen the advent of the greatest reformer that was to appear in Islam, the Promised Reformer and Mahdi, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (peace be on him). He has shown us what it truly means to love the Holy Prophet. God Himself bore witness to the love he harbored for the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). He states:

On one occasion I received a revelation which indicated that there was a difference among the higher angels. The indication was that the will of God was prepared to bring about a renaissance of Islam, but the angels had not yet been informed of the identity of the rejuvenator. Hence that was being debated. At the same time, I saw in a dream that a search was being made for one who should revive the faith. A person appeared before me and pointing to me said:

هَذَا رَجُلٌ يُحِبُّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

That is [Arabic] This is the man who loves the Messenger (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) of Allah.

His meaning was that the principal condition of this assignment was the love of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and that I fulfilled that condition.

[Barāhīn Ahmadiyya, Part IV, p. 503 sub-footnote 3, Ruhani Khazā'in, vol. 1, p. 598 sub-footnote

3][English Translation from Tadhkirah, p. 55]

In many of his writings, he made it abundantly clear that he was ever ready to sacrifice his every possession to defend the honor and teachings of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). He wrote in one place:

Is it not true that in a short while in India alone a hundred thousand people have become Christians, more than sixty million books have been published in opposition to Islam, people belonging to high families have lost their religion, and those who used to describe themselves as the descendants of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] have put on the garment of Christianity and have become his enemies, and numberless books full of vile abuse of the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him] have been published? My heart cries out with tears that if these people had murdered my children before my eyes, and had cut to pieces my sincere friends, and had killed me with great humiliation, and possessed themselves of all my property, I would not have been so pained and my heart would not have been so hurt as it has been pained and hurt by the insults offered to the Holy Prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be on him].

[Ā'īna-e-Kamālāt-e-Islam, Ruhani Khazā'in, vol. 5, pp. 51-52][English Translation from Essence of Islam, p. 320-321]

So great was his love for his Holy master that prose was not enough to convey the depth of his emotion. The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) thus wrote poem after poem, in Arabic, Urdu and Persian conveying the love that he had for Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). He wrote in one place:

بعد از خدا بعشق محمد محترم  
گر کفر این بود بخدا سخت کافر

After Allah, I am "intoxicated with the love of Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

If this is disbelief, then by Allah, I am a severe disbeliever" (Ruhani Khazā'in, vol.20, Lecture Sialkot, p. 248)

In an Arabic couplet, he expressed his love in the following manner:

يُحِبُّ جَنَانِي كُلَّ أَرْضٍ وَطِئْتَهَا  
فَيَا لَيْتَ لِي كَانَتْ بِلَادَكَ مَوْلَدًا

"My heart is completely submersed in the love of the land that Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) tread upon.

Alas! I wish that my birth had been in your land!"

(Ruhani Khazā'in, vol. 7, Karamat ul Sadiqueen, p. 93)

In Urdu, he wrote in one place:

تیرے منہ کی ہی قسم میرے پیارے احمد  
تیری خاطر ہی یہ سب بار اٹھایا ہم نے

"By your exalted personage my beloved Ahmad

It is for your sake that we have taken up this entire burden."

(Ruhani Khazā'in, vol. 5, Ā'īna Kamālāt e Islam, p. 225)

The love he harbored for the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was not limited to his pen – the people around him were eyewitnesses to how his activities and actions shone with the love of his Holy Master (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

Dr. Mir Muhammad Ismael narrates that when the Promised Messiah would mention the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in his addresses or a gathering, he would usually do so in these loving words, that "Our Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said such and such." In the same way, in writing he would not just refer to the Holy

Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) by merely saying “He,” but he would write the full salutation after it as well, which was “Peace and Blessings of Allah be Upon Him”

(Seerat-ul-Mahdi, Narration #547)

Hazrat Sheikh Yaqoob Ali Irfani (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that once when I went to England in 1925, I desired to visit Pastor Dr. White Brakhit because he had remained a missionary in Batala and had met the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) many times. During our conversation, he stated:

“I have observed one thing in Mirza Sahib which I disliked. That was whenever an objection was raised on Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) he would become upset, and his face would show signs of displeasure.”

Sheikh Yaqoob Ali Irfani replied:

“Pastor, that both aspects which you dislike are liked by me.” (Hayat-e-Ahmad, vol. 1, Part 3, p. 384)

Once, the cousin of his wife Mirza Ghulam Haider uttered a word against the high station of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Upon this he became so upset that despite

all the emotions of love and respect he had for her and his desire for reconciliation between people, he left the food he was eating at their table and never again returned there for a meal. (Seerat Masih Mau’ud, vol. 2, p. 270)

In short, whoever came into contact with the Promised Messiah, whether friend, family, or foe, bore witness to the love he held for the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). And the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) was not satisfied that only he harbors a love for the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) – he had made it his mission to inculcate the love of his Holy Master in all those who claimed to follow him. He made it a requirement for anyone who wished to follow him that they daily pray for blessings on his Holy Master. He wrote as the third condition of pledging allegiance with him:

He/she shall regularly offer the five daily Prayers by the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and shall try his/ her best to be regular in offering the Tahajjud and invoking Durūd on the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and

blessings of Allah be on him). He/she shall make it his/her daily routine to ask forgiveness for his/her sins, to remember the bounties of God and to praise and glorify Him. (Conditions of Bai’at and Responsibilities of an Ahmadi, p. 51)

Our beloved Imam, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be his Helper) elaborated on this aspect in the following words:

“It is incumbent upon every Muslim to invoke salutations and blessings (Darūd) on the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) because without it one cannot fulfill the requisite of love for him. In addition, prayer that is without Darūd does not gain acceptance. The real motive for invoking Darūd should be the love of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).” (Friday Sermon, February 1, 2013)

May Allah enable us all to follow the example of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) and harbor greater love for the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Amen!

## News of Interest

### Denmark’s parliament adopts legislation to prohibit the desecration of religious writings

AP News agency reported on 7 December 2023 that Denmark’s parliament adopted legislation in its parliament to prohibit desecration of any holy manuscript. It was done after a recent burning of the Holy Qur’ān in public by anti-Islam activists. The law was passed in the parliament in a 94-77 vote. The new law declared it a crime to desecrate holy scriptures. Those violating the law shall be jailed for up to two years with a fine.

In 2006, Denmark was subjected to widespread anger by Muslims after a Danish newspaper published twelve caricatures of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

### French authorities arrest a guru for malpractice

The Dawn published in Pakistan reported that French authorities arrested a Gregorian Bivolaru, a guru, and forty-one people during a raid on the yoga sect. Several women of different nationalities had been victims of the sect and its leader. The women were motivated to have sexual relations with the guru and involved in pornographic practices in France and abroad. The network Movement of Spiritual Integration (MSI) runs several yoga schools.

# Instinct—A Special Gift from God

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## Introductory remarks

Instinct is a blessing bestowed upon every human being, animal, and aquatic creature by God, the Almighty. All the creatures of God are subordinate to this noble and worthy blessing. It is the inherent feeling of living beings. Because of this, those having life, do routine day-to-day work unknowingly even though they did not see what their ancestors had been doing. So, it is a natural desire or tendency to do things in a guided fashion. Living things know instinct without learning it. Examples of this can be witnessed and tested at all times like indelible impressions in the factory of nature. The ingredients of instinct have been engraved in the memory of all living things. Research has proven that this memory chip is present in their DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid).

What is DNA? It is an inherited substance that is the blueprint of every living organism. It can be called a tiny but very powerful piece of human building bloc. Just like the solar system and galaxies that are moving under a fixed program, the same way the trait of instinct is annihilating and pulverizing under the system devised in all living

organisms. It doesn't exhibit many changes from generation to generation. Whoever has come into this world, whether he lives in any part of the world, whether he is poor or rich, young, or old, sick, or healthy, there is absolutely no difference in the modes of instinct. The trait of instinct applies equally to everyone. The color of your skin or where you were born does not matter. Everyone in the present world has an inherent set of instinctive behaviors that differs from one species to the other.

Instinct can be defined as: "The ability of all the living beings to think, feel, and behave, which has never been learned or understood from anywhere else. It is a great hereditary method of performing desires and other essentials bestowed upon by nature. It does not require all living beings to think, understand, or learn to accomplish day-to-day usage. Instinct in living beings is affected by the surrounding environment in some way. To perform a certain work, living beings exhibit some special ways for their movements, which are special only to them and other living organisms do not have that method or habit. Instinct is a natural alarm system that tells weak animals to safeguard

themselves and not to be preyed on by powerful animals, and they protect themselves in the blink of an eye by hiding somewhere, especially when they are engaged in fighting or having sex. Man's intellect is unable to understand nature's amazing miracles of instinct. It is a special gift from God.

God says in Surah Luqman:

وَإِذَا غَشِيَهُمْ مَوَاجٌ كَالظُّلَلِ دَعَوُا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۚ فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ فَمِنْهُمْ مُّقْتَصِدٌ ۚ وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا كُلُّ خَتَّارٍ كَفُورٍ

"And when waves engulf them like so many coverings, they call upon Allah, being sincere to Him in faith; but when He brings them safe to land, then some of them take the right course. And none denies Our Signs save every perfidious and ungrateful person." (31[Luqman]: 33)

Explanation of the verse by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, may Allah shower His mercy on him:

This verse refers to an essential aspect of human psychology that when they are engulfed in a sea-storm, whether they are atheists or polytheists, they call upon none else

but Allah. And once Allah has rescued them, they revert to their earlier state of mind. The *Muqtasideen*, i.e., the moderate, are exempt from such people mentioned here who are engulfed in such storms. They do not forget Allah even after they have reached the land. [Urdu translation of the Holy Qur'an by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, p. 718 (footnote)]

This proves that God has instilled his love and the habit of calling Him in trouble in the human instinct. Whether a person believes it or not, God dwells in the hearts of His creatures, when they call upon Him, He listens and overcomes their difficulties and establishes His sovereignty.

The divine system of instinct is embodied in man's body parts. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him) writes in the summary of Surah Al-Waqi'ah:

For instance, the eye, ear, nose, mouth, throat, vocal cord, etc. were directed in so detail as to up to what size an organ will grow; and when that growth will stop. Take teeth for example. Deciduous teeth appear after a certain period and fall after a certain period. And the children who fail to look after the health of their teeth in childhood are saved from the evil effects of that. Then, in adult teeth, a person is responsible for looking after them. Why do they stop developing after a certain size? What stops them from developing any further? There is a computerized program in human DNA that is followed by them according to the decree of Allah Almighty. Scientists say that teeth grow at almost the same speed as they wear out. If they had continued developing and there was no program of stopping them in that case human lower teeth, piercing the brain, would have grown much further. And the upper teeth could have rendered the chest useless by piercing lower jaws. Allah says, did you produce these genetic

characteristics yourself? Obviously, the reply is negative. Similarly, man believes that it is he who sown the seeds in the soil. But the mechanism of their germination and development into trees, vegetables, and fruits is a very complicated system, which cannot develop on its own. (Urdu translation by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him), pp. 983-984)

In Surah Bani Israel verse 14, Allah says:

وَكَلَّ إِنْسَانٍ الرِّمْنَةَ طَيْرَهُ فِي عُنُقِهِ. وَنَخَّرَجُ لَهُ  
يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ كِتَابًا يَلْقَاهُ مَنشُورًا

And every man's works have We fastened to his neck, and on the Day of Resurrection, We shall bring out for him a book which he will find wide open. (Here the word طَائِر (Ta'ir) does not stand for a bird, in that as if a bird is fastened to every man's neck. Rather it refers to the list of his works, which is not attached in the apparent form; but will be revealed on the Day of Resurrection. It is the same as it is said in Urdu "گریبان میں منہ ڈال کر دیکھو کہ تم کیسے ہو" i.e., to search one's own heart). [Urdu translation of the Holy Qur'an by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, p. 465 (footnote)]

That is, God has placed a memory chip in DNA with the human body, which records and preserves all his movements, and good and evil deeds. This shows that the law of instinct is written on it. The recording system on it has also been working since time immemorial, which will be revealed in the form of an open book on the Day of Resurrection, which no one shall be able to deny. There is no room for any addition or deficiency in God's judicial system. This system is the same for everyone.

The subject of instinct becomes clearer in Surah Ha Mim As-Sajdah, verses 21-24:

**Translation:** Till, when they reach it, their ears and their eyes and

their skins will bear witness against them as to what they had been doing. And they will say to their skins: "Why bear ye witness against us?" They will say: "Allah has made us to speak as He has made everything else to speak. And He it is Who created you the first time, and unto Him have you been brought back. And you did not fear while committing sins that your ears and your eyes and your skins would bear witness against you, nay, you thought that even Allah did not know much of what you used to do. And that thought of yours, which you entertained concerning your Lord, has ruined you. So now you have become of those who are lost."

From these Qur'anic verses, it can be derived without any argument that the DNA of human components records his actions all the time and will reveal everything on the Day of Resurrection. Instinct is also subject to God's creative system. Everything a person does in this world is recorded in his memory chip and is an integral part of DNA.

## A few observations and events of instinct

### Man / Woman:

Man has greatly benefited from instinct and its characteristics and will continue to do so. Naturally, he is born with the good and bad habits of his ancestors. God has made him better than all living beings and endowed him with infinite wisdom and understanding. It is up to him how he benefits from these qualities and how he restrains himself from evils. Man's instinct prevents him from saying things he should have not said. It also keeps him at a distance that is unsuitable for him. Tickling some parts of the body induces involuntary twitching and smile or laughter.

There are a few separate examples of male and female instincts.

In men, it has been observed that they usually feel shivering or hysterical condition inside the spinal cord while urinating, whereas in women it is not or very rare. A human child is a born swimmer, if he is thrown into deep water, then he starts paddling and kicking instantaneously. At the age of four months, if the cheek of a child is tickled, he turns his face toward the same side.

For example, when a mother sees her newborn child, her maternal instinct arouses and she naturally knows in advance that her child is going to have something wrong. It is also called intuition or sixth sense. This is also an aspect of instinct. The human baby's milk from the mother's breasts is a great example of instinct. Some mothers do not feel milk in their breasts but as the child cries for milk, it has often been observed that they start feeling milk in their breasts. Instinct helps the baby to drink breast milk. It has been observed that when mothers beat their toddlers', they cry and cling to their mothers. It is in their instinct that their benefactor is none other than their mothers.

**Animals:**

If animals are studied, there are many observations of instinct. All cats have the inbuilt instinct of hunting. Take the dog. It is loyal to the owner and even risks its life for him or her. It is in his instinct that he trembles with a jerk to dry the water from its wet fur. It digs the pit and urinates with one leg raised. Its expertise is employed to keep the herd of sheep and goats together. To improve this skill, dogs are specially trained and large herds are collected from large fields with the help of a dog. Dogs that keep sheep or cattle in a group are due to their herding instinct.



*Dog digging a pit*

As soon as the babies of Kangaroo are born, they jump into the bag made with the mother's belly and take refuge there.



*Kangaroo with baby in the belly*

Meerkat Manor usually stands on his hind legs and keeps an eye on the enemies around him. They report to each other in times of difficulty and quickly hide. These are all miracles of instinct.



*Meerkat Manor standing*

**Birds:**

The world might have been incomplete without birds of different varieties and colors. The presence of

birds gives a sense of human life. It feels great for birds to have a special kind of chirping, singing, and fluttering around with wings spreading. The song pattern of many birds is inherited. These characteristics of birds are subject to inbuilt instinct. It can be observed that birds keep improving their song quality by listening to their contemporary adult birds. The chirping of birds makes the atmosphere pleasant. The lyrics of their songs show a desire to call each other and have sex. Nature has put all this in their instincts and no one teaches them about it. Their nesting style is different from each other.

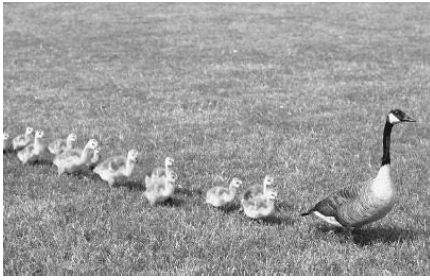


*Hanging nest of typical birds*

It is written in their genes about how they will make the nest and what kind of weeds and trunks they will take help in making it. Birds may never have seen their elders making nests. Many birds nest in trees and some in hollow spaces in a hillside. Some of them have nests hanging from trees to avoid tree-climbing animals.

Crows do not make nests. They can be seen in large numbers towards the tree trunks in the evening.

When the female duck sets out with her little chicks in search of food, chicks follow her in a row. Similarly, cranes and many birds also fly in a certain order.



*Chicks follow mother duck in a row*

Many birds migrate to other places due to the paucity of food and water before the setting of hard weather conditions.

The Alpine Swift shuttles between Africa and Europe for more than six months without taking any rest. This bird falls asleep during the flight and survives by eating insects flying in the wind. Such a long expedition in a particular season is built into its instinct. It never happened that it did not go on a long journey and frozen to death in its home. The desire to live forces birds to go through difficult phases. No one teaches all this except nature.



*Picture of Alpine Swift*

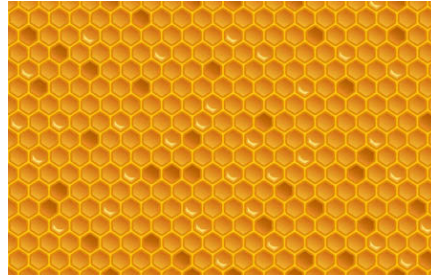
### **Insects:**

Insects living in this land of God are also part of the system of instinct. Insects also receive the blessings of God abundantly.

The bee is a wonderful insect. Among Muslims, it has a special significance as the Holy Quran denotes it as a cure for mankind. The Holy Qur'an states in Surah al-Nahl, verses 69 and 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, that is a Sign for a people who reflect.”



*Hexagonal Beehive of Bee*

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) loved honey and milk. Honey has many benefits. The bee hive is very beautiful. It can be called a masterpiece of the art of engineering. A honey storage cell is hexagonal. Each side of this cell is exactly equal to each other and there is no deviation of even a millimeter. When the bees put honey in the hive, they later fill it with wax to keep the honey safe for a long time. They go dancing toward food to connect. No one gives them these instructions except Allah, who has inscribed all their works in their instincts.

The spider web is the weakest house it builds to trap prey, but it is so strong that even strong winds cannot break it. In the same way, the silver spider keeps collecting seeds for rainy days. The spider's intelligence is unexplainable. Its inbuilt instinct is bestowed on it by none other than God, the Almighty.

Some types of butterflies undertake a long migration to wintering grounds they have never seen before.

A certain ant named Atta Sexdens which inhabits in Brazil makes a nest in the soil. It stores the nest with leaves in such a way that the nest looks like an underground garden. It plants small fungi which

later grow and become its food supply for its young ones and itself. The queen ant undertakes the duty of making a new nest. It takes into its mouth a small quantity of fungus which shall be needed to start the new nest. It manures the fungi with its excrement. (From article “Instinct and intelligence in insects” by Major R. W. G. Hingston, p. 1)



*Atta Sexdens ant of Brazil*

### **Aquatic creatures:**

Many fish are very intelligent and clever. Salmon is one such fish that floats in the opposite direction of the flow of water. It travels thousands of miles from one place to another. It is written in their genes. The eggs are laid only in clean waters and the babies leave for migration to their mothers after hatching from the eggs. This period ranges from 6 months to 7 years. During this period, she lives her life of puberty and then turns to clean waters to lay eggs again. This continues. Some salmon fish travel up to 2,500 miles one-way. It has never happened that they do not migrate so far and return to the clean waters for breeding.

The instinctive behavior of baby leatherback sea turtles is amazing. When the sea turtle is born on the beach, its weak legs automatically turn towards the sea without thinking and it reaches the water and starts swimming. No one has taught them this act, but it is in their instinct to do so, from which they cannot turn away. If he goes against his instincts, he will fall prey to birds flying over the sea.

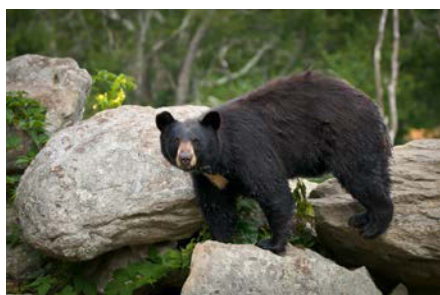
## Hibernation

In the harsh winter season, many animals sleep for a long time. During this time, they eat nothing or drink very little. In this period, their heart rate decreases to 2-3 beats per minute. They choose not to wake from their sleep the whole winter. The number of animals, birds, or insects that do this is not high, but surprisingly, they survive during this period and later live normally. It would be appropriate to call it a miracle of instinct.



*Baby leatherback Sea Turtles*

America's black, Asia's black and brown, and polar bears sleep in one place. The female bear gives birth to children during this time. This period can usually be up to 100 days. At this time, their heart rate decreases from 40,50 to 8 per minute.



*Black Bear*

Similarly, an Alpine Marmot is an animal that hibernates for up to 8 months and breathes only 2 or 3

breaths in a minute and its heart movement is reduced from 120 to only 3 to 4. They spend four months when they are awake, having babies. Similarly, certain types of turtles also hibernate from 77 days to 154 days.



*Alpine Marmot*

The Common Poorwill bird sleeps for about 5 months in bad weather.



In the event of a drop in temperature, the queen bee hides in the soil or leaves and hibernates, but the poor working and other male bees do not do so and die due to cold weather. Their hibernation period ranges from 6 to 8 months. The queen bee then resumes her life. Man can only observe the wonders of nature and have no option but to admire God, the Almighty.



*Big brown Bats*

In the wild, big brown bats spend 64-66 days in hibernation.

They do not have to eat but they do wake up to drink. Their heart rate drops from 1000 beats per minute to only 25 and some bats only take a breath every two hours. (Mark Carwardine, Animal Records, New York: Sterling Publishing Co., 2008, pp. 29-30)



*Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemurs of Madagascar*

Fat-tailed Dwarf Lemurs of Madagascar pick a tree and hibernate there for about seven months in cold spells of weather until the rains return in November. During hibernation, they live off the fat in their tail, losing close to 50% of their body weight. (Terry A. Vaughan et al, Mammalogy, Jones and Bartlett Learning 2011, p. 172)

Hedgehogs are some of the deepest hibernators around. Some can sleep through the whole winter! Their body temperature drops and they breathe so little that it can hardly be seen. They have special cells that release heat 20 times faster than white cells. If temperatures drop too low, their heartbeat picks up to produce more heat, which wakes them up briefly before they fall asleep again. (Maurice Burton, Robert Burton. The International Wildlife Encyclopedia. Marshall Cavendish, 1970: Page 1173)



*Hedgehog*



Snail

Snails have a built-in bed for their hibernation. They go into their shell and close up the hole with a skin made of chalk and slime that keeps the moisture in. During this time, they use almost no energy and don't have to eat anything at all. In some areas where there is little rain, snails can hibernate for years! (Mark Fox. Discovering night creatures. Curriculum Press, 2002: Page 48 Andrew Hipp. The life cycle of a

snail. The Rosen Publishing Group, 2002: Page 18)

## Conclusion

How is instinct embedded in DNA and how are habits passed down from generation to generation? Genetic Memory can explain this fact to some extent, through which living beings show instinct. Researchers say that in the case of birds, all the instructions are written on their eggs. For example, how will they make nests, and what will be their way of flying? How be their wings decorated? What will be their style of singing or chirping? What will they eat and where will they find food? and so on. Even before birth, DNA determines the structure of the body and its movement. Even if all this

information is collected, it is very difficult to set up a computer program. How easily God has transferred it to DNA is still being tried to understand even in the era of the development of science. The understanding of how these memories is passed on from one generation to the next is very difficult to emulate. These mysteries of nature may never be solved. We have not yet been able to understand the true reality of instinct. Someone has said, "A person should learn to trust his instincts and accept what the heart says because the heart never leaves you alone."

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# From the archives: West Coast Regional Conferences

Berkeley, California: The Jamā'at Ahmadiyya West Coast. The region held its First Regional Annual Conference in the spacious Hall of the Masonic Temple at 897 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, on Sunday, May 25, 1980. Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir the Missionary-in-Charge U.S.A. was especially requested to preside over the Conference which he did ably with his scholarly remarks after each speech on the respective subject.

The Conference opened with the recitation of a portion from the Holy Quran by Lt. Intisar Ahmad Abbasi who also presented the English version of the verses. This was followed by an inaugural short speech by Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir who exhorted the members against despair. He encouraged the audience by an analogy that the First Annual Gathering held by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) in 1891 was attended by 75 persons, but last year almost 190,000 persons participated in the Annual Gathering of the Jamā'at at Rabwah, Pakistan. Hence, he told his audience that there is no question of disheartenment. This Conference is like a seed that shall In-Sha Allah grow into a big tree in the coming years.

Br. Rahmat Jamal, President of Los Angeles Jamā'at spoke on the

Importance of Preaching and supported his views with verses from the Holy Quran and quotations from the Sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) regarding the dissemination of truth to the other people.

Then, Alhaj A. Raqib Wali delivered his well-prepared speech on The Renaissance of Islam Through Ahmadiyyat and indeed did justice to his subject.

The next speech on The Blessings of Khilafat was given by Br. Anwar Mahmud Khan who referring to Ayat Istikhlaf in Surah An-Nur explained in detail various blessings of Khilafat mentioned in the Holy Quran.

Among the other speakers were Br. Latif Victor Malik and Maulawi Ata Ullah Kaleem addressed the Conference on What Ahmadiyyat Demands of Us and Islam and Its Relationship with Other Religions, respectively.

The principal speaker of the Conference, the Missionary-in-Charge U.S.A., Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir expounded the excellences of the Holy Quran and elucidated his subject with nine distinctions of the Holy Quran in which it stands unique among all other scriptures. His speech was applauded by all the participants.

The Conference was rounded up by the collective silent prayer led by Br. Nurul Hasan Qureshi.

The Lajna Imā'illāh held its special session after the Zohar and 'Asar prayers were led by Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir. This session was addressed by the missionary-in-charge U.S.A., Sister Bushra Sajid, Sister Shamin Akhtar Malik, Sister Amatul Latif Malik, and Sister Amat-ur-Rashid Qureshi.

Besides the members from the Bay Area, the Conference was attended by 17 delegates from Los Angeles and four delegates from Tucson, Arizona. The Jamā'ats in Portland and Seattle could not take part in the Conference. Among the members who labored to make the Conference a success is Br. Latif Victor Malik, Br. Shamin Haroon, Br. Sajid Ahmad, Sister Noor Ilyas, Sis. Zubaidah Feroz, Sis. Mufiden Lal, Sis. Jameela Mubarak and Sister Bushra Sajid. May Allah reward them with the best reward. The Lajna Imā'illāh Bay Area presented a delicious lunch to all the participants of the Conference and thus shared the double blessings of the Conference. (Ahmadiyya Gazette, June 1980)

## Second Regional Conference of West Coast Region

Please convey Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatohoo to all participants of the Second Annual Convention of the West Coast Region of the U.S.A. Ahmadiyya Jamā'at. May this Convention be a source of great blessings and spiritual progress. You have a vast field for preaching and conveying the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Make a firm resolve that the message of Islam should reach every person in the West Coast Region of the U.S.A. Endeavor to improve your moral conduct in your own lives as you go out to convert others to Islam. Your lives should themselves be exemplary to attract others. (The Ahmadiyya Gazette USA, January 1983)

Los Angeles, CA: The Jamā'at hosted the Regional Conference of the West Coast Region which was held in Culver City Memorial Hall on December 26, 1982. A considerable number of delegates from the San Francisco Bay area and Tucson Arizona also participated in the conference. Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih IV graciously cabled a special message to the participants of the conference which was read by Maulawi Ahmad Sadiq Mufti, the Regional Missionary of the West Coast Region.

The Conference was addressed by Alhaj Ata Ullah Kaleem, the Amir and Muballigh In-charge; Br.

Rahmat Jamal, the President of Los Angeles Jamā'at; Br. Muhammad Ishaque Qureshi, the President of Tucson Jamā'at; Syed Sajid Ahmad, the officiating President of San Francisco Bay Area Jamā'at and Br. Anwar Mahmud Khan, the General Secretary of Los Angeles Jamā'at. Br. Nasir Mahmud Malik, the National Qaid, also addressed the Convention. .

A tape-recorded message of Hazrat Amirul Momineen, Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih IV, to the Ahmadis of the United States was also played for all the participants. This message urged the Ahmadis to contribute \$2,500,000 towards the construction of five

Mosques and Mission Houses in the U.S. in the next five years. While the message was played, the English-speaking members were provided copies of the English translation of the message by the Amir and Muballigh In-charge.

Separate sessions of the three auxiliaries- Majlis Ansarullah, Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya and Lajna Imā'illāh-were also held during the conference. A children's program regarding the display of their religious knowledge organized by Br. Mahmud Anwar was appreciated by all the participants. (Gazette, January 1983)

## The 3rd West Coast Annual Convention 1984

The first West Coast Convention was held in San Francisco in 1980 and the second in LA in 1982. The third West Coast Ahmadiyya Annual Convention was held on Sunday, May 27, 1984, from 9 AM to 7 PM at Meiklejohn Hall (bottom picture taken that day), Rooms 2032, 2038 and 2064, at California State University at Hayward CA in San Francisco area. Members from all West Coast chapters participated.

In response to a letter requesting prayers for the success of the convention, the event was blessed with the prayers of and a message from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV, may Allah shower His mercy on him. A copy of the message as it was read

and made available at the convention is given on the next page.

Before the convention, Samie Qureshi sent out information about the venue and the accommodations available in the area, Food and snacks were provided at the convention. Murabbi Zafar Sarwar arrived from DC on May 26, 1984, to represent Maulānā Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad, Amir, and Missionary In-Charge USA. Maulānā Munir Ahmad Chaudhry, Regional Missionary, Rahmat Jamal, and Ishaq Qureshi, addressed various topics.

In the early afternoon, auxiliaries held their separate meetings.

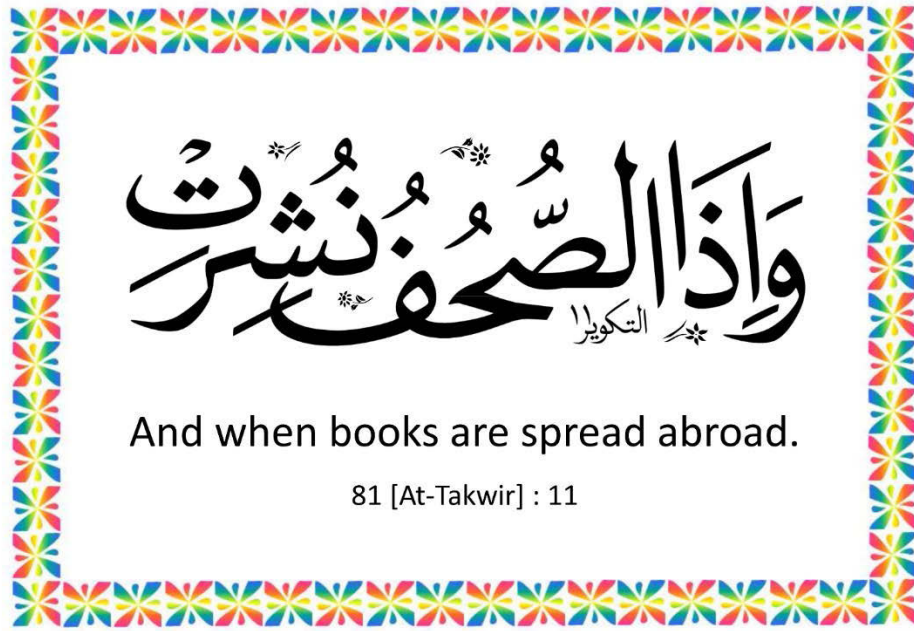
Lajna session was addressed by

Amtul R Qureshi, Tayyaba Zafar, Rifat Wali, Siddiqa Qadeer, Amtul Hakeem, Tanveer Rajput, Aliya Rasheed, Amtul K. Nusrat.

The Khuddam Session was addressed by Maulānā Munir Ahmad, Regional Missionary and Syed Sajid Ahmad, Regional Qaid, Educational and sports competitions were also held.

Ansar's session was addressed by Ishaq Qureshi and Rashid Latif Rashidi (picture below). Educational and sports competitions were held.

Children made a presentation on Islam moderated by Anwer Khan in a combined session.



## MESSAGE FROM HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH IV

On the occasion of the Second Annual Convention, San Francisco, California, May 27, 1984.

*Alhamdo Lillah*, the San Francisco, USA Jamaat is having its Second Annual Convention on May 27. I pray to Allah that He bless this gathering in all respects. May He imbue an extraordinary religious zeal in all the participants. May you partake of the prayers of the Promised Messiah abundantly. Amen.

My message to you on this occasion is that you should spend these days in prayers and the remembrance of God. Pray with such fervor and meekness that the prayers are heard in the heavens. Make special plans to increase your propagation activities and put them into practice.

Every Ahmady in his sphere and out of his sphere must become *Dae Ilallah*. Call the worldly people to God. Make them aware of the opportunities to cultivate nearness to God. The world is too much absorbed in material pursuits and is oblivious to the hereafter. The Holy Quran mentions this state of affairs thus:

الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعِيَهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ  
أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَإِنَّا  
لَنَجْعَلُهُمُ لِلْقَائِمِ فَحِيطٌ فَفَلَا تُقِيمُوا لَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ  
وِزْنًا ۚ

“Those whose labor is all lost in search after things pertaining to the life of this world, and they think that they are doing good works. Those are they who disbelieve in the Signs of the Lord and in the meeting with Him. So their works are vain, and on the Day of Resurrection We shall give them no weight.”  
(18:105-106)

It is true that Islam does not encourage the foresaking of the world, as this is a way of running away from our responsibilities. Islam does intend to give preference to the real purpose of man's existence, which is cultivating a love for our Creator and Master and being steadfast in His way by giving preference to spiritual things over worldly matters.

So, my dear ones, never let this aim be forgotten. Construct the Mission Houses and Mosques in the USA as soon as possible under the scheme in force. I pray to God that any past slackness in this direction be immediately remedied.

My dear ones, time is short and life is uncertain. Advance rapidly as the goal is in sight. *Insha Allah*, God's decree will be fulfilled and will certainly be fulfilled; but as the Prophet of the day wrote in his book *Victory of Islam*, it won't be until our hearts melt and we are prepared to accept all hardships in this path.

May God grant you the power to do good and may He accept your efforts. Amen.

May God be with you. May God be with you. May God be with you.

(Signed) Mirza Tahir Ahmad

Khalifatul Masih IV



*With no digital cameras those days, we could know only after developing the negative how good pictures come out to be. Above is a group photo taken at the 1984 West Coast Convention. Below, are presidents with guests of honor: From left, Muhammad Ishaq Qureshi (Tucson), Murabbi Munir Ahmad Chaudhry, Murabbi Zafar Sarwar, Ahmad Jamal (LA), Rashid Latif Rashidi (Seattle), Syed Sajid Ahmad (SF).*





# 1980 San Francisco Visit of Khalifatul-Masih III

(may Allah shower His mercy on him)

*Picture to the right:  
Masud Ahmad Dehlawi, then-Editor  
Al-Fazl (middle), Anwar Husain  
(right), members of the entourage  
with Sajid. The San Francisco visit  
was from 11-15 September 1980.*



*Pictures below:  
Guests at the reception on 14  
September 1980.*





## The Original Tucson Mosque



*Above is a view of the original Ahmadiyya mosque built in Tucson. Due to road expansion, it was replaced by a new structure in the 1980s. A view of the new construction in progress at that time is shown next.*



**Kalimah inscription outside the mosque.**



**Kalimah inscription inside the mosque.**







### Research by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi

On April 16, 1944, the fourth and final public meeting was held in Delhi, the capital of India, to announce the “Living Sign” of Hazrat Muslih Mau’ūd, may Allah be pleased with him” and to complete the argument on the people of India. The venue of the meeting was the Queen's Garden adjacent to the Harding Library. About five thousand Ahmadis from Punjab, UP, suburbs of Delhi, and Hyderabad Deccan attended the sacred congregation. (Daily Al-Fazl Rabwah, 20 April 1944, p. 6)

With the announcement of this meeting, a series of provocative speeches started in Delhi. The posters were also distributed in the city. People were provoked and all possible measures were taken to stop the meeting. The arrangements were made for a separate meeting place for the ladies. At the beginning of the meeting, the recitation of the Holy Quran had just begun when the miscreants started shouting and creating a commotion. They started to disrupt the meeting by resorting to abuses. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) asked the members of Jamā’at to sit down. Those who are outside the venue of the meeting should also

come in. He also instructed Ahmadis not to respond to anyone. After this, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II began his address. The mob started moving towards the stage with the intention of attacking, which was blocked by appropriate measures. The crowd continued to pelt stones at the venue from outside. Many people inched towards the sitting place reserved for ladies only. A group of young Ahmadi youths stood outside the ladies’ place for shielding. Stones started hurling towards the women’s meeting place and the whole meeting place was surrounded from all sides. There was a danger that they might harm the women. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih asked one hundred Khuddām to go out to safeguard the women and instructed the rest to keep sitting. My father Mian Muhammad Yahya, who had gone to Delhi from Lahore to participate in the meeting, was among the Khuddām entrusted with the security duty. In his address, Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II invited non-Ahmadi friends to come to Qadian and tell us their aims and objectives within the framework of decency. We will make all their arrangements and also bear the expenses. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih challenged them to come together and confront me with

any part of the Qur'an after taking all possible from all the written commentaries. In-Sha-Allah victory will be ours. He further added:

“I announce after receiving a revelation from God that the prophecy mentioned by Hazrat Masih Mau’ūd, peace be on him, in the poster of 20 February 1886, has been fulfilled. God has informed me through a vision that I am the recipient of the prophecy of Muslih Mau’ūd. And the whole world one day shall recite the Kalima of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), through me and my followers.” (Daily Al-Fazl Rabwah, 23 April 1944, p. 2)

In the meantime, the miscreants announced in the city that the Ahmadis had attacked, on which about 7,000 people got ready for further attack. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih ordered the evacuation of the women's place of meeting. Non-Ahmadi women were evacuated first. Some women sustained severe head injuries due to stone pelting by the mob resulting in fractures of head bone in three places. About 40 Ahmadis were injured. To take the women to safer places, the hundred Khuddām continued to perform duty and fought the miscreants. My father

used to say that the crowd had fled like sheep and goats. The Ahmadi Khuddām were running after them and drove the crowd away from the vicinity of the meeting. On that day, Ahmadi Khuddām thrashed them so much that they would remember it for the rest of their lives.

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II said while delivering the Friday Sermon on 21 April 1944:

Allah, the Almighty provided us with comfort and progress in faith.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said, “I saw in my dream I had gone to Delhi and had returned safe.” Then the revelation flowed from my tongue:

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ أَوْصَلَيْتِي صَحِيحًا

(Translation: All praise belongs to Allah, who has brought me safe)

After this revelation, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) did not go to Delhi. His last journey to Delhi was in 1905. Thus, this revelation contained a prophecy that

the person resembling him would travel to Delhi and people would hurl stones at him. I was the one, whom Allah had made to sit on the seat of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him), and who was made the target of stones. But Almighty Allah decreed that he would bring his namely his resemblance, back safely... The expression “Who brought me safe indicates that there would be others who would suffer. (Tadhkirah pp. 769-770, Al-Fazl, vol. 32, No. 102, 3 May 1944, p. 5)

**The chair Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir used in his office at the Long Island University. Desk is visible in the background.**



**Courtesy Alladin Family.**



# From “Lata’if-i-Sadiq” by Shaikh Ismael Panipati

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

Translated by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi, Columbus, Ohio

## Pastors of Different Nature

It has generally been noticed that pastors are polite, sociable, and morally well-mannered. They respond with a smile even if one talks to them harshly. But some of them are very rude and uncourteous. Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Sadiq (may Allah be pleased with him) came in contact with an ill-mannered pastor in the United States. An incident happened when an Arab settled in the United States and married an American lady. The women, however, did not accept Islam and remained firm on Christianity. Once her Arab husband wrote a letter to Hazrat Mufti Sadiq and invited him to spend 2-4 days with him. Well, Mufti Sadiq went there and preached Islam to the lady. She said, “I can’t answer you, but I call a pastor who will converse with you.” Hazrat Mufti Sadiq said, “Yes, it is okay. You may call your pastor.”

So, the pastor came and the conversation started. Hazrat Mufti Sadiq said, “Respected Pastor! Atonement is problematic for me to understand in any way. Someone eats and fills the stomach of the

other. This is beyond human intellect.” The pastor raged with anger and said with extreme infuriation, “If you do not believe in atonement, you will go to hell; yes, to hell.”

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq replied softly, “Mr. Pastor! This morality is against the teachings of Jesus Christ that you demonstrated at this time. To go to hell, alas the hell is not in your control to throw whomever you want. Had the hell been in your control, you may say whatever you desired. But God is the custodian of it.

Seeing these harsh words uttered by the pastor for no reason, the lady became very annoyed and apologized to Hazrat Mufti Sadiq and said, “I did not know that he was so abusive, I wouldn’t have otherwise called him. I am very ashamed.”

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq said, “Do not think about it at all. We are accustomed to hearing such talks. Well, leave this matter aside and tell me if there is another pastor here.”

The lady said, “Yes! The pastor in the great church here, I think, is very worthy and learned.”

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq met that pastor alone and introduced himself. The pastor treated Hazrat Mufti Sadiq with utmost respect and care and said, “Please take today’s dinner with me.” Hazrat Mufti Sadiq promised and went back. When he went to the feast in the evening, he noticed that the pastor and his wife had arranged a sumptuous feast and fed him the food with great care and ethics.

The next day Mufti Sadiq met another pastor in the market. The pastor said, “Can you stay here till Sunday?” Hazrat Mufti Sadiq replied, “Why are you enquiring about it?” The pastor responded, “I want you to deliver a lecture in our church on Sunday, if you can stay till Sunday and accept to lecture, I will be very grateful for this gesture.” Hazrat Mufti Sadiq said, “I can only give lectures on Islam if you and your audience want to listen to it, then I am pleausurably ready to stay till Sunday.”

The pastor said, "Of course, you give a lecture on Islam, we will learn new things about Islam from your lecture. Consequently, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq went to the church on Sunday and gave a lecture on Islam, to which all the people listened attentively and thanked him. After the lecture,

the pastor addressed the audience and said, "Dr. Mufti Sadiq has come after traveling a long distance, and on my request, he accepted to lecture here. Therefore, it is incumbent upon you to help him with at least travel expenses. So, people donated some money and presented the

collection to Mufti Sadiq.

(Ref: Lata'if-i- Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 38, pp. 59-61, Ahmad Academy Rabwah, printed by Lahore Art Press, 15 Anarkali, Lahore)

## Christian's Doctrine of Atonement

Anjuman Ahmadiyya Monghyr (Bengal) wanted to hold a large-scale convention in November 1910 and requested Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) to send an elderly scholar from the center to Monghyr for participation in the convention. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I ordered Maulānā Syed Sarwar Shah and Mufti Sadiq to go to Monghyr. On November 8, 1910, both of them left Qadian for Monghyr. The narrative of this journey is very interesting, but let us leave it and describe an interesting dialogue that Hazrat Mufti Sadiq had with an English priest on the platform of Lucknow Railway Station. Mufti Sadiq asked him, "If I am not making a mistake, are you a preacher of Christian faith?"

Pastor: I don't know Urdu.

This English pastor only knew that much Urdu to say that I did not know Urdu. So, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq started conversing with him in English.

Mufti Sadiq: Are you a preacher and proclaimer of the Christian faith?

Pastor: Yes, I am a pastor.

Mufti Sadiq: Can I enquire from you about anything religious?

Pastor: Yes, of course, ask. I will answer gladly.

Mufti Sadiq: I want to find out about the doctrine of atonement: Does Jesus' atonement only subject to the punishment for the sins of Christians that are to emanate after death or even the punishment in this world?

Pastor: Both types of punishments.

Mufti Sadiq: Well, now let us look at it practically, for example, when a Christian steals, he is sent to jail according to the law of the land. Although the government follows the Christian faith, it does not allow any concession to this Christian and imprisons him in the same way as a non-Christian thief. Now tell us what the benefit one got of the atonement in practice.

Pastor: Although when a Christian goes to jail and then repents, he receives such comfort and satisfaction that a non-Christian cannot get.

Mufti Sadiq: Regarding

satisfaction whoever repents and bows before God gets it. But we assume that the Christian gets the satisfaction, the non-Christian does not. When this was assumed, it proved that according to the practical benefit of atonement that emerged in this world, it will also happen in the next world, i.e., the Christian sinners will also be hurled into hell like non-Christians and both will be thrown into hell. The only difference will be that Christian sinners will be satisfied whereas non-Christian sinners will not.

On hearing this, the pastor leaned on the platform and looked far away at the rail track and then immediately left saying,

"Sorry, it's time for the train to arrive and I can't talk anymore."

But there were still fifteen minutes for the train to arrive.

(Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 45, pp. 67-69, Ahmad Academy Rabwah, printed by Lahore Art Press, 15 Anarkali, Lahore)

## Baptism

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq stated that Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated to me that a man went to a priest and said,

"I want to be baptized and become a Christian." But the condition is that you baptize me just

as Jesus Christ did. Also, show me from the Gospel how Jesus Christ used to baptize so that I have no doubt."

On this strange question, the pastor surprisingly said,

"You cannot be baptized. Please go away."

The fact is that no one knows how Jesus Christ used to baptize.

In this regard, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq stated another interesting joke which was narrated to him by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) which is as follows:

By chance in one village, two brothers got converted to Christianity and forced their old father to accept Christianity. The old man was ignorant and was unaware of the circumstances. He said to his sons,

“Well, just as you say. I am ready to be converted to Christianity.”

The sons became very happy and went to the pastor and said,

“Our father wants to be a Christian, baptize him too.”

The pastor said,

“It is a good omen. Bring him on Sunday.”

So, both sons reached church on Sunday with their elderly father. The priest gladly agreed to baptize.

The procedure of baptism is: The priest sprinkles water three times on the face of the person who wants to be a Christian. On the first sprinkle, he says,

“I baptize you in the name of God, the Father.”

And on the third sprinkle, he says,

“I baptize you in the name of the Holy Spirit.”

The joke in this story is

described later. When the pastor sprinkled the splash on the old man’s face for baptism, he uttered unintentionally:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَ  
أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

(Translation: I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. And I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger.)

The reason for this was that the old man was accustomed that when he got up in the morning and washed his hands and face, he used to recite the second Kalima while splashing water on his face. He said the same Kalima at that time when water was sprinkled on his face. But the pastor was stunned hearing him and started thinking that the old man came here to be a Christian but recited the Kalima while being baptized. The pastor glanced at the two Christian sons. They were already very embarrassed and said,

“Pastor! Our father is an ignorant and uneducated man. The Kalima was pronounced from his mouth unintentionally. Don’t think about this and start the proceeding

of baptism again.”

Saying this, the two boys explained to the father, “Do not recite Kalima. Now forget Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Now salvation lies in believing Jesus Christ as God.”

The old man replied, ‘Okay.’

After this, the pastor was ready to baptize him again, but as soon as he splashed water on the old man’s face, he unconsciously recited the Kalima again.

Now there was no end to the pastor’s anger. What would have been more anger, the voice of monotheism was raised with full force in the house of the trinity. In a great rage, the pastor ordered the two boys,

“Take away this old man, he can never be a Christian until the Day of Resurrection. He will die without getting salvation.”

(Ref: Lata’if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma’il Panipati, Episode 47, pp. 71-72, Ahmad Academy Rabwah, printed by Lahore Art Press, 15 Anarkali, Lahore)

## Three in One

Hyde Park is a famous excursion resort in London, where many people come for a walk in the evening. Hazrat Mufti Sadiq also used to visit there frequently during his stay in London so that he could do Tabligh to the people subject to the situation. One day when he went there, he saw a gathering of people and a priest was standing there and preaching. Such scenes were seen there very commonly every day. Mufti Sadiq also stopped behind the gathered people to listen pastor’s speech and after a few minutes, Mufti Sadiq said loudly,

“Pastor! I have a question. Will you please solve it?”

Most of the people in the gathering were women. When Mufti Sadiq asked this, they looked back and immediately turned around to make room for Mufti Sadiq. Mufti Sadiq passed through the gathering and stood next to the pastor. Then the pastor replied,

“I will answer your question with great pleasure. What is the question?”

There was a lot of interest in the people, and everyone eagerly waited for the mutual question and answer of Mufti Sadiq and the priest.

Mufti Sadiq asked,

“Pastor! The speech you were

delivering right now proved that God wanted children and He had a son. But what’s the secret that He didn’t have a daughter?”

The people present enjoyed this question of Hazrat Mufti Sadiq, especially women. The voices started coming from all corners that it was a valid question, and the pastor should definitely answer it.

Pastor: You are a thorough gentleman. Would you please tell me where you came from?

Audience: (With very loud voices) This is not the answer to the question, the pastor should answer this gentleman and not make useless

excuses.

Pastor: (Addressing a man who was speaking very loudly ahead of everybody) What did you do? He is asking, I shall rely. Why are you poking your nose in the matter for nothing?

Mufti Sadiq: Mr. pastor! I recommend that you fulfill the wishes of these people and answer my question.

Pastor: (Addressing Mufti Sadiq) You are not aware that he is actually a Jew and is speaking loudly ahead of everybody.

Mufti Sadiq: What is wrong if he is a Jew? I contemplate that you should be very grateful to the Jews, because if they had not crucified the "Son of God," Christians would not have got atonement. What do you think of it?

At this, there was loud laughter from the audience and the pastor turned blank and said,

"This is another new question you have asked."

Audience: Answer that too.

Mufti Sadiq: Answer one by one. First that question and later this.

Pastor: Do not heed what these people say: The Lord (Jesus Christ) has said,

"Let the dead bury their dead."  
(Luke 9:60)

Mufti Sadiq: Pastor! I am new to your city. I do not know the modus operandi here yet. Please explain to me whether when someone dies in a Christian country, he is not buried by those who are alive. Rather, do the dead come out of the graves and bury the new dead?

Pastor: That's the third question.

Audience: (unanimously) answer all three.

Pastor: You did not tell me where you are from.

Mufti Sadiq: I have arrived from India.

Pastor: Oh! It is a matter of great joy. My wife was also born in India.

Mufti Sadiq: Then she is my countrywoman. I will definitely meet her.

Audience: Mr. Pastor! Either answer the questions this gentleman has asked or say that you do not know the answers, so that time is not wasted for nothing.

Pastor: I am a very honest person. I can never lie. There is nothing wrong if I cannot reply. My wife is a very smart and learned woman. She will be able to answer

these questions satisfactorily.

And one thing, people living in Europe do not know how to cook curry. My wife cooks very good curry.

Mufti Sadiq: It was even more heartening to hear this from you. Please tell me where can I find her.

Pastor: She often visits here. There is a sign for her. She can be recognized as she writes Bible verses on her hat. Here you will recognize her among hundreds of people when she visits.

Mufti Sadiq: I am not too smart to recognize. You take my address and introduce your wife to me at some appointed time. Moreover, what is your name?

Pastor: People call me "Old Joe."

Mufti Sadiq: Good night "Mr. Old Joe"

Saying this, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq left there and now the people started shouting that the pastor did not know the answers. Don't know what happened later?

(Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 52, pp. 76-79, Ahmad Academy Rabwah, printed by Lahore Art Press, 15 Anarkali, Lahore)

## Who is the Great Sinner?

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq published in Al-Fazl on 18 August 1917 a narrative of a debate with a pastor in Hyde Park London. The discussion is very interesting and enjoyable. So, listen to it. Hazrat Mufti Sadiq says:

I was having a debate with a Catholic priest in Hyde Park's resort on some religious issues. Hearing this, a gentleman who was later found to be a Protestant priest. He took me aside and said:

"You excellently made the pastor speechless. But I would like to tell you one thing."

I said:

"Say it, I shall be pleased."

He said:

"Behold, when Adam and Eve became sinners, the whole world also turned sinners. So, Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was also a sinner. He cannot be our intercessor. But you believe that Jesus (peace be on him) is innocent."

I said:

"Sir, on what day did I write an agreement that Jesus is innocent? "

He said:

"Do you know him to be a

sinner?"

I said:

"It's a different matter if I know or not. But the philosophy that you have established is that all people are sinners because Adam and Eve were sinners. If this is to be believed, then tell me who according to your Bible was the first and greatest sinner? Adam or Eve?"

The priest said:

"Eve who was a woman."

I said:

"Well done! Then according to your principle, Mary (may peace be

on her), the children of Adam and Eve, was a sinner, and as Jesus was born only of a woman, he was more guilty than those born from a man, because the man is less sinful. The progeny is the average of both sides.”

At this, the pastor nervously ran away and managed to enter the crowd where a lecture was taking place. I ran after him, but he begged me to let him go now.

(Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 52, pp. 79-80)

## Who is a True Christian?

In 1926, when Mufti Sadiq was Nazir Umur-e-Kharja (Nazir foreign affairs), he had to go to Jalandhar for urgent work. On the way, he had an interesting debate with a Christian, the narrative of which is as follows in his words:

“When our Railway train was nearing Jalandhar, a priest was also sitting in the same apartment by chance and some religious conversation started with him. After a little discussion on the Bible and the Qur'an, the debate turned around in such a way that who is the true Christian?

The pastor said that Christians are true due to their beliefs in the Trinity and Atonement. I said that we Muslims are true Christians who believed in Hazrat Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) according to the prophecy of

Hazrat 'Isa (peace be on him), and then accepted the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

I said that acceptance is not only by tongue but is by practical means. One of the essential commandments of Christ of Nazareth is to give whatever anyone demands from you. Therefore, because of this commandment, I ask you to give me a small booklet of the Bible you are holding in your hand. Give me this book to fulfill the commandment of Jesus. So, I will understand that you are honoring the commandment of Jesus from the bottom of your heart. But the pastor flatly refused to hand over the Gospel (Bible).

Then I said, Listen, pastor! Whatever I have right now, you can ask me without any hesitation, I will immediately hand that to you without fail. Let us see what you ask

from me.

In fact, I had told to the pastor with great honesty and with the good intention that whatever I had at that time, I would hand it over to him whatever he asked without any contemplation. I wanted to show the apparent difference between a Muslim and a Christian to the people who were traveling in the rail apartment at that time and were listening to both of us with great interest and great attention. But to my surprise, neither the pastor handed me his book nor dared to ask something from me.

On this, his companions themselves embarrassed him and the matter was ended.

(Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 56, pp. 82-83)

## Different Dealings in Worldly Matters and Religion

Hazrat Mufti Sadiq was in London when one day he was passing through the market of London with a friend when his friend noticed a signboard of a shop that read:

“Trinity Book Shop”

That is, the “Library of the Holy Trinity.” It was a book sale shop of the pastors. Mufti Sadiq's friends knew what it meant, but unknowingly he asked a pastor sitting in the shop, “What do you mean by the Trinity?”

Pastor: The Trinity means: “The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three are Gods. But God is only one not three. It is a spiritual secret

that three are one and one is three.”

On this, Mufti Sadiq explained to the pastor that what you said is absolutely wrong in principle. It can never be that three are one, and one is three.

The conversation continued. The pastor remained adamant on his words and so did the Mufti Sadiq. When the conversation prolonged, Hazrat Mufti Sadiq took a book from a nearby table, on which the price tag was worth three shillings, and said to the pastor:

“Sir! I want to buy this book.”

Pastor: It will be my pleasure.

Sadiq: What is its price?

Pastor: Three Shillings.

Mufti Sadiq smilingly took a Shilling out of his pocket, extended his hand to the pastor, and said:

“Take its price.”

The pastor saw a Shilling and said:

Sir! You probably are not aware. I had submitted that it cost three Shillings.

Sadiq: There is nothing wrong. Three are one and one is three. So, accept this one.

Pastor: (Laughs) Sir, worldly dealing is separate and for religion it is altogether different.

Sadiq: It is a strange religion

that worldly matters become different. Mr. pastor! If you study the religion of Islam, you will see that it remains the same in every situation even if we are in the Market or the

mosque.

(Ref: Lata'if-i-Sadiq by Shaikh Muhammad Isma'il Panipati, Episode 57, pp. 83-84, Ahmad

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**Queens Chapter adds a minaret to the Bait-uz-Zikr Mosque.**

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Al-Hājj Jameel Ghuari was born and named Charles “Chuck” Chambliss on November 24, 1952, to the late Charlie and Annie Mae (Lindsey) Chambliss. He graduated from Washington Park High School as one of its top Basketball players and went on to play at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. He eventually was able to travel overseas to play professionally in Scotland, Japan, Canada, and the Philippines.

He was raised in a very religious family and grew to be one who was always curious about his faith. While at Parkside, he met Muslims and was interested in Islam but due to their ill conduct, he didn’t pursue it, but remained interested in Islam. When he later went to Scotland to play, he had more time and fewer distractions and decided to go on a spiritual quest. During this time, he also studied Buddhism, but his attraction to Islam remained the strongest. Eventually, he looked up the local mosque in the phone book and called. It happened to be an Ahmadi Mosque, the first mosque built in England, and the phone was answered by Brother Bashir Ahmad Orchard, the first European to accept Ahmadiyyat. Brother Bashir invited him to come and meet with

him, which he did, and continued to do so. He would go to practice in the morning, then catch the train to go to the mosque in the afternoon and stay until after ‘Ishā. Eventually, Brother Jameel accepted Ahmadiyyat and became one of the first if not the first American convert to Ahmadiyyat in Europe. It was at this time that Brother Jameel received his name from Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him), and also performed Hajj in the early 1980s.

With basketball as his craft and Ahmadiyyat as his foundation, he was able to travel the world and enhance the lives of young people. Some of his athletic accomplishments include being a stand-out player at Park High School, then playing at UW-Parkside, and later competing at a professional level in Scotland, Japan, Canada, and the Philippines. After returning home he served as Director of the Bray Center, a community center in inner-city Racine where he shared his knowledge and experience about the game of basketball with others. He trained countless athletes, some of whom made it to the professional level.

By the grace of Allah, Brother Jameel held some local Zion Jamā’at Amila and Ansarullah positions.

In 2015 and 2016 Jameel organized and ran the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community’s Urban Youth Basketball camps at the Bray Center. In 2016 he arranged for the community’s international sports tournament (MIST) to be held at the Bray Center. In 2018, he along with Daud Ahmad of Racine were invited to the MIST Tournament in Miami to hold a spiritual training session on the subject of dealing with the ills of

Western society as requested by the organizers.

His passion for faith and basketball allowed him to touch countless lives and leave behind a legacy of family and service that can serve as an example for all those aspiring to serve their communities. At different points he held leadership positions in his local chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, serving the Jamā’at as a local elected official.

During his life, Bro. Jameel met and interacted with many famous people, but made it clear that these meetings paled in comparison to meeting the Khalifa of the time, and he had the honor of meeting Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III, IV, and V on several occasions.

On 23 October 2023, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Zion helped lay to rest a long-time pioneer member of the Zion Jamā’at and servant to the Racine Community, Al-Hajj Jameel Ghuari. He passed away peacefully at Ascension Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital in Milwaukee on 18 October 2023. Inna Lillāhi Wa Innā Ilayhi Raji’oon. [(Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him shall we return. (Al-Baqarah 2:157)]

He is survived by three sons, Myron McNutt, Sharif Chambliss, and Isiah Scales, and his daughter Huriyyah Ghuari, and many grandchildren. Also surviving are his three brothers Donald Robinson, Carl “Trick” Robinson, and Mark Chambliss, and his Ahmadiyya Muslim Family. May Allah grant him forgiveness and peace and allow his good deeds to continue to be a source of blessings for all that he has impacted, Amen! (Contributions from Junayd Latif, Daud Ahmad, Zakee Darr and Waleed Ahmad)



# My Great Grandfather - Captain Naimatullah Siddiqui

**Sana Siddiqui and Zeenath Malik, Isha'at Desk-Lajna Ima'illah Virginia North**

My great-grandfather, Captain Naimatullah Siddiqui embraced Ahmadiyyat when he was only twenty-five. He happened to visit his maternal aunts in Qadian. There, he had the opportunity to sit and have dinner with Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) and his companions. He was so impressed by the affection of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be pleased with him), the kindness of the people and the pious atmosphere of Qadian, that he decided to enter into the fold of Ahmadiyyat. He wrote a letter to Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be pleased with him) stating his wish to join Islam Ahmadiyyat. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be pleased with him) wrote back to him in the same letter and asked him to seek permission from his father first. My great-grandfather then asked his father for permission to join Islam Ahmadiyyat. His father resonated with his feelings and told him that he believed in Islam Ahmadiyyat too and had been thinking about joining them. At the age of 25, my grandfather undertook bait. Soon after, he went to join the merchant navy and became captain.

My great-grandfather had a very

strong relationship with God. He was very punctual in his prayers and never missed any. Every night, he would call all of us to perform Maghrib and 'Ishā prayers in the congregation. He would always go to Jumu'a wearing his freshly ironed shalwar kameez. He would read the Holy Quran daily. He would always advise us to tell the truth no matter what and I never heard him telling a lie even as a joke in all his life. He said that God loved those people who were always honest. He believed that God rewarded those who had made financial sacrifices. He was very regular and generous in his Chanda payments. He even continued to pay Chanda for his late mother and father in their names. He would secretly give financial help to those who needed money but wouldn't ask for it. One of his strongest beliefs was belief in the power of praying to God. He always told us to pray, and he prayed for all his kids and his grandkids and their kids. He even prayed for everyone he knew. I never saw him worry ever in his life, he was always happy and content no matter what because of his relationship with God. He knew God would always help him in any situation. I would always hear him say Al-Hamdu-Lilah and Istighfār-Allah numerous

times a day. He was always very grateful even for the smallest thing God gave him.

My great-grandfather's love and loyalty to Khilafat was immense. He was initiated into the Electoral College for the election of a Khalifa. He was called to attend the meeting for the electoral college after the death of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih III (may Allah shower His mercy on him) for the election of his successor. He was on duty in the navy as a Captain and could not attend the meeting. Again in 2003, after the demise of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him), he was called to London for a meeting of the electoral college. He left for London immediately. He said that he had already made up his mind to vote for a certain person. When the proceedings started, different people were nominated for Khilafat. All those people would get up when their names were called. When Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be His helper) got up, my great-grandfather noticed that there was so much Godly light emanating from his face that he immediately decided to vote for him. He was not the only one to witness this godliness of Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V (may Allah be His helper), almost all the

hands went up in his favor. Allah SWT had put his name in their hearts at that very moment. It not only shows his true love and devotion to Khilafat but also his piety.

My great-grandfather had the greatest and the sincerest love for his family. He was so loving and kind that he never raised his voice or even got mad at anyone no matter what

they did. He would laugh and smile with everyone. He had a very happy and jovial disposition that was reflected in him until his last moments in life. He respected everyone and showed utmost hospitality towards those who would visit him. He stressed the importance of honesty and education before his kids. He lived his daily life on a set schedule and always made his bed well into his

90s. He always kept everything very organized and clean. In his later years, his favorite thing was to look at picture albums of his family that he had made with immense love throughout his life. Those who saw him or met him would always say that he was one of the best people they ever came across. I feel blessed to say that Captain Naimatullah Siddiqui was my great-grandfather.



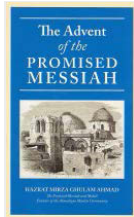
Scenes from Bait-ul-Hameed, Chin CA, in the glow of sunset, 22 December 2023, first day of the West Coast Jalsa.



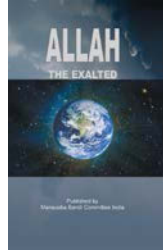
# Have you read all the books of the Promised Messiah?

May peace be upon him

Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi, Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, may peace be upon him, says, “Our books are compiled after due research and after a full analysis of facts. They are designed to draw seekers after truth to the path of truth. They must reach people who happen to have been infected by hostile writings, some of them on the brink of spiritual ruin. Especially must those countries receive our books and receive them soon which happen to have been infected most dangerously by the poison of misguidance, so that all those interested in a search of truth have the books soon enough in their hands. This purpose cannot be served if we decide to push the publication and circulation of books only through sales. A business outlook in such a matter in any case seems unworthy and objectionable.” (Victory of Islam, Page 45, Published in 1891)



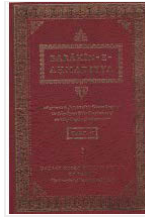
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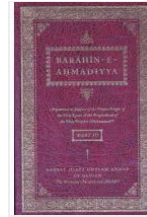
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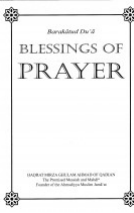
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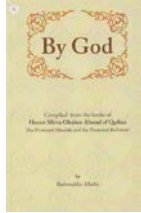
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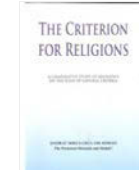
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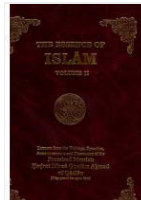
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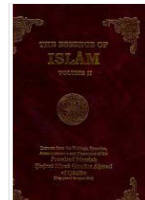
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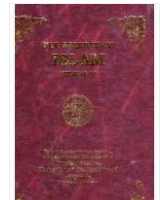
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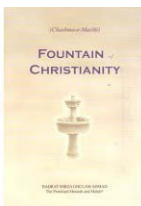
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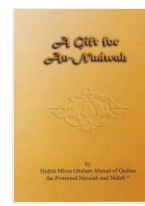
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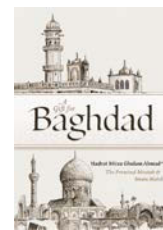
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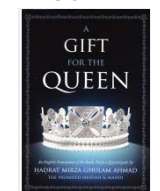
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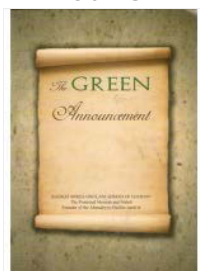
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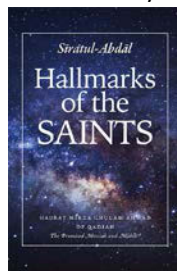
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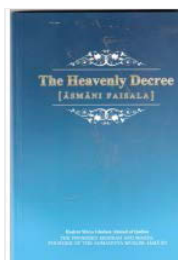
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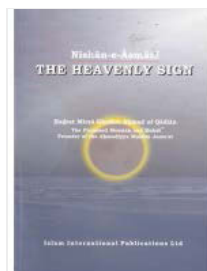
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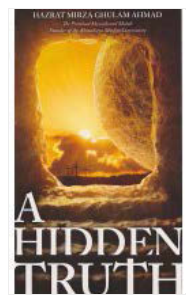
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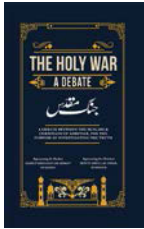
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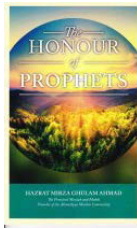
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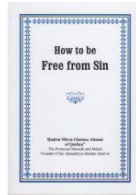
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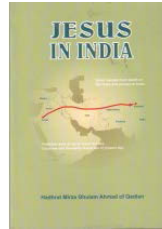
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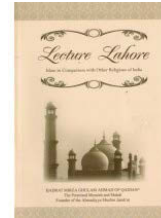
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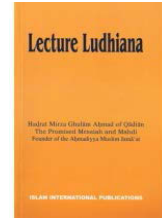
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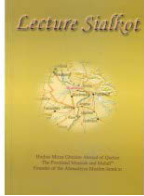
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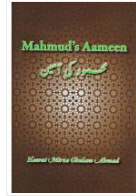
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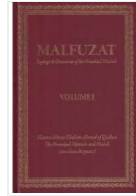
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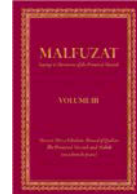
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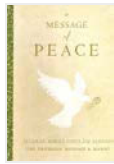
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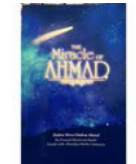
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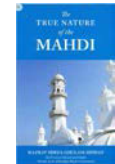
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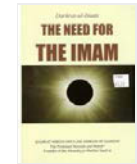
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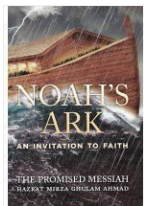
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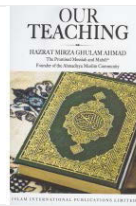
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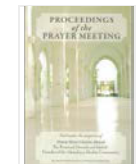
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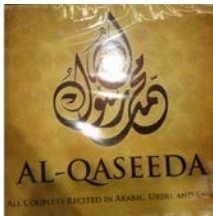
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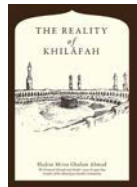
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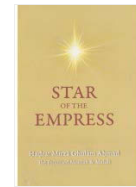
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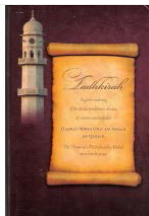
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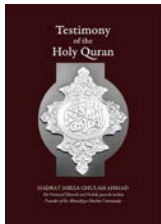
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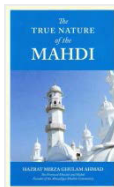
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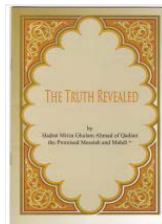
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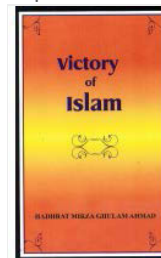
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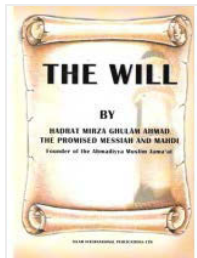
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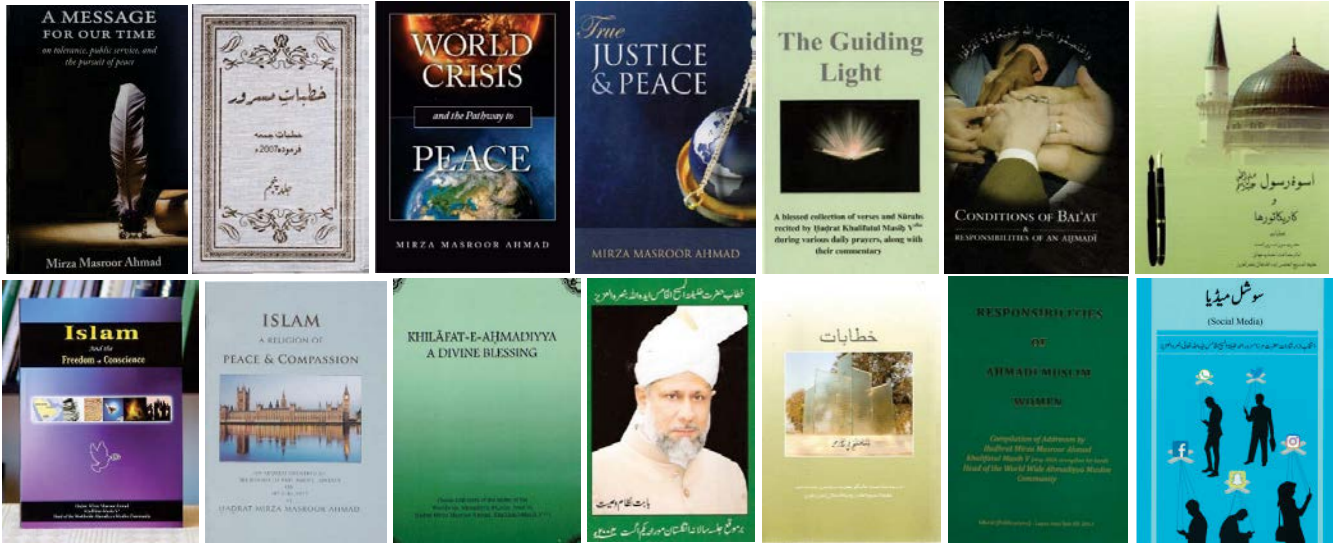
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5-14 Jan Fri-Sun	Ashara Waṣīyyat	Wasaya Dept	Jamā'at
6-7 Jan Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities Review of 2023 and Plan 2024 activities	Local/Aux/Jamā'at	
6 Jan, Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jamā'at	In-Person/Zoom
12-14 Jan Fri-Sun	Ansar Leadership Conference	Majlis Ansarullah	Bait-ul-Ikram TX
14 Jan, Sun 7 P.M. EST	Quran Talks	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
15 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Long Weekend		Fed Holiday
20 Jan, Sat	National Wāqifīn-e-Nau Boys National Career Expo	WN Dept	S.V./ Online
21 Jan, Sun	National Wāqifāt-e-Nau National Career Expo	WN Dept	S.V./ Online
21 Jan, Sun	Seerat-un-Nabi Day	Regional	Jamā'at
27 Jan, Sat	Nationwide Flyer Distribution – Local	WN & Tabligh Depts	Jamā'at
28 Jan, Sun	National Public Affairs Seminar	Umur Khārijīyya Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
29 Jan, Mon	Day on the Hill in Washington DC	Umur Khārijīyya Dept	Washington DC
1-10 Feb Thu-Sat	Salat Ashara	Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
3-4 Feb Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/Aux	Jamā'at
3 Feb Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jamā'at	Seattle, WA
9 Feb Fri	National Tabligh and Media Training	Lajna Imā'illāh	Virtual
11 Feb Sun 7 P.M. EST	Quran Talks	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
11 Feb Sun	Wasaya Webinar	Wasaya Dept	Webinar
17 Feb Sat 7:30 EST	Pledge of a WN and its requirements	WN Dept	Webinar
19 Feb Mon	Presidents' Day Long Weekend		Fed Holiday
25 Feb Sun	Muslih Mau'ūd Day	Local	Jamā'at
1-10 Mar Fri-Sun	Ashara Waṣīyyat	Wasaya Dept	Jamā'at
2 Mar Sat	Refresher Course 2024 – Dar-ul Qaḍā USA	Dar-ul Qaḍā Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
2–3 Mar Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/Aux	Jamā'at
2–3 Mar Sat-Sun	Local Ijtima Khuddam and Atfāl	Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya	Majlis
3 Mar Sun 7 P.M. EST	Waḳf-e-Jadid Webinar	Waḳf Jadid Dept	Webinar
8-10 Mar Fri-Sun	National Mentoring Conference (LMC)	Lajna Imā'illāh Meeting	Msq, NV
9 Mar Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jamā'at	In-Person/Zoom
9-10 Mar Sat-Sun	Local Qur'an Conference	TaQwa Dept	Jamā'at
10 Mar Sun 7 P.M. EST	Quran Talks	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
12 Mar to 9 Apr	Ramadan	Local	Jamā'at
16 Mar Sat	WN Awareness Day (Local Jamā'at) Part of Aftārī	WN Dept	Jamā'at
17 Mar Sun	Know Your History – 7:30-9:00 PM EST	Isha'at Dept	Webinar
19-25 Mar Tue-Mon	Ramadan Tahrik Jadid Week	Tahrik Jadid Dept	Jamā'at
24 Mar Sun	Masih Mau'ūd Day	Local	Jamā'at
1-10 Apr Mon-Wed	Salat Ashara	Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
6-7 Apr Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/Aux	Jamā'at
10 Apr Wed	Eid-ul-Fitr	Local	Jamā'at
14 Apr Sun 7 P.M. EST	Quran Talks	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
26-28 Apr Fri-Sun	Majlis Shura – USA Jamā'at	General Secretary Office	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
3-5 May Fri-Sun	Regional Ijtima Khuddam and Atfāl	Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya	Regional
4-5 May Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/Aux	Jamā'at
4 May Sat 7:30 EST	How can WN prepare themselves for the Jamā'at	WN Dept	Webinar
12 May Sun 7 P.M. EST	Quran Talks	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar
17-19 May Fri-Sun	Jami'a Canada Visit for Fathers & Boys	WN Dept	Jamā'at
18 May Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jamā'at	Boston, MA
19 May Sun	Khilafat day	Local	Jamā'at
27 May Mon	Memorial Day Long Weekend		Fed Holiday
1-2 Jun Sat-Sun	Local Jamā'at/Auxiliary Activities	Local/Aux	Jamā'at
1-2 Jun Sat-Sun	Local Khuddam Khilafat Day	Majlis Khuddāmul Ahmadiyya	Majlis
1-10 Jun Sat-Mon	Salat Ashara	Tarbiyat Dept	Jamā'at
7-16 Jun Fri-Sun	Ashara Waṣīyyat	Wasaya Dept	Jamā'at
8 Jun Sat	National Amila Meeting	National Jamā'at	In=Person/Zoom
9 Jun Sun 7 P.M. EST	Quran Talks	Tarbiyat Dept	Webinar

15-16 Jun Sat-Sun.....	Spiritual Fitness Camp (Local).....	Tarbiyat Dept.....	Jamā' at
16 Jun Sun .....	Know Your History – 7:30-9:00 PM EST.....	Isha' at Dept .....	Webinar
17 Jun Mon .....	Eid-ul-Adha .....	Local .....	Jamā' at
22 Jun Sat 7:30 PM EST	Roles and Responsibilities of a WN.....	WN Dept.....	Webinar
28-30 Jun Fri-Sun.....	Jalsa Salana USA.....	National.....	Richmond, VA
4 Jul Thu .....	Independence Day.....	.....	Fed Holiday
5-7 Jul Fri-Sun.....	Jalsa Salana Canada.....	.....	.....
6-7 Jul Sat-Sun .....	Local Jamā' at/Auxiliary Activities .....	Local/Aux.....	Jamā' at
13 Jul Sat.....	National Amila Meeting .....	National Jamā' at .....	In-Person/Zoom
14 Jul Sun 7 P.M. EST ...	Quran Talks .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Webinar
14-20 Jul Sun-Sat .....	National Youth Camp.....	Ta'lim Dept .....	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
26-28 Jul Fri-Sun .....	Jalsa Salana UK.....	.....	.....
29 Jul-8 Aug Mon-Thu	Hifz-ul-Quran Camp .....	TaQwa Dept .....	Not Available
1-10 Aug Thu-Sat .....	Salat Ashara .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Jamā' at
3-4 Aug Sat-Sun .....	Local Jamā' at/Auxiliary Activities .....	Local/Aux.....	Jamā' at
3 Aug Sat 7 P.M. EST ....	Waqf-e-Jadid Webinar.....	Waqf Jadid Dept.....	Webinar
10 Aug Sat .....	National Amila Meeting .....	National Jamā' at .....	In-Person/Zoom
11 Aug Sun 7 P.M. EST .	Quran Talks .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Webinar
11 Aug Sun.....	Wasaya Webinar.....	Wasaya Dept .....	Webinar
11-17 Aug Sun-Sat .....	National WN Summer Camps (Boys and Girls) ...	WN Dept	Bait-ur-Rahman (B) SVA (G)
22-23 Aug Thu-Fri .....	Spiritual Fitness Camp (Local).....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Jamā' at
23-25 Aug Fri-Sun .....	Khuddam National Shura .....	Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya .....	BRM, MD
30 Aug-1 Sep Fri-Sun ...	MSLM24 Conference .....	AMMA, AWSA, AAMS, IAAAE.....	Orlando, FL
31 Aug-2 Sep Sat-Mon ..	Labor Day Long Weekend.....	.....	Fed Holiday
7-8 Sep Sat-Sun .....	Local Jamā' at/Auxiliary Activities .....	Local/Aux.....	Jamā' at
8 Sep Sun 7 P.M. EST ...	Quran Talks .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Webinar
13-22 Sep Fri-Sun.....	Ashara Waṣiyyat .....	Wasaya Dept .....	Jamā' at
14 Sep Sat.....	National Amila Meeting .....	National Jamā' at .....	Columbus, OH
15 Sep Sun.....	USA National Quran and Science Symposium ....	AAMS .....	TBD
21 Sep Sat.....	National Tarbiyat and Tahir Academies Conference	Tarbiyat Dept .....	BRM, MD
21-30 Sep Sat-Mon.....	Tahrik Jadid Ashara.....	Tahrik Jadid Dept.....	Jamā' at
22 Sep Sun .....	Know Your History – 7:30-9:00 PM EST.....	Isha' at Dept .....	Webinar
1-10 Oct Tue-Thu .....	Salat Ashara .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Jamā' at
4-6 Oct Fri-Sun .....	Ansar Shura and National Ijtima .....	Majlis Ansarullah.....	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
5-6 Oct Sat-Sun .....	Local Jamā' at/Auxiliary Activities .....	Local/Aux.....	Jamā' at
11-13 Oct Fri-Sun .....	National Khuddam and Atfāl Ijtima.....	Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya..	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
12 Oct Sat .....	National Amila Meeting .....	National Jamā' at .....	South Virginia
13 Oct Sun 7 P.M. EST ..	Quran Talks .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Webinar
12-14 Oct Sat-Mon.....	Columbus Day Long Weekend .....	.....	Fed Holiday
18-20 Oct Fri-Sun.....	National Ijtima .....	Lajna Imā'illāh .....	Bait-ur-Rahman, MD
26-27 Oct Sat-Sun .....	National TaQWA Conference .....	TaQwa Dept .....	Not Available
2-3 Nov Sat-Sun .....	Local Jamā' at/Auxiliary Activities .....	Local/Aux.....	Jamā' at
3 Nov Sun.....	National Education Excellence Day .....	Ta'lim Dept .....	Jamā' at
8-10 Nov Fri-Sun.....	Lajna Majlis-e-Shura.....	Lajna Imā'illāh .....	Detroit Msq, MI
9 Nov Sat.....	National Amila Meeting .....	National Jamā' at .....	In-Person/Zoom
10 Nov Sun 7 P.M. EST	Quran Talks .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Webinar
16 Nov Sat .....	Regional WN Ijtimā'āt (16 Regions) .....	Regional WN Dept.....	Jamā' at
28 Nov-1 Dec .....	Thanksgiving Long Weekend (Thu-Sun) .....	.....	Fed Holiday
1-10 Dec Sun-Tue .....	Salat Ashara .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Jamā' at
7-8 Dec Sat-Sun.....	Local Jamā' at/Auxiliary Activities .....	Local/Aux.....	Jamā' at
7 Dec Sat .....	National Amila Meeting .....	National Jamā' at .....	In-Person/Zoom
7 Dec Sat 7 P.M. EST ...	Waqf-e-Jadid Webinar.....	Waqf Jadid Dept.....	Webinar
8 Dec Sun 7 P.M. EST ...	Quran Talks .....	Tarbiyat Dept .....	Webinar
13-15 Dec Fri-Sun .....	Fazl-e-Omar Qaideen Conference/Atfāl Refresher Course	Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya.....	BRM, MD
13-22 Dec Fri-Sun .....	Ashara Waṣiyyat .....	Wasaya Dept .....	Jamā' at
14 Dec Sat.....	Jami'a Inspiration and Orientation Camp and Virtual Open House – 3 Hours	WN Dept ....	Online
15 Dec Sun .....	Know Your History – 7:30-9:00 PM EST.....	Isha' at Dept .....	Webinar
15 Dec Sun .....	Wasaya Webinar.....	Wasaya Dept .....	Webinar
25 Dec Wed.....	Christmas Day .....	.....	Fed Holiday
27-29 Dec Fri-Sun .....	West Coast Jalsa Salana (Tentative) .....	National Jamā' at .....	Chino, CA



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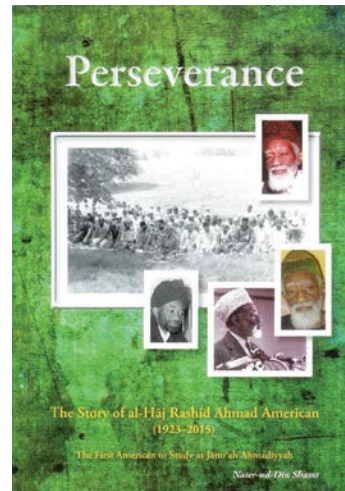
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