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HEAD OF THE AHMADIYYA MOVEMENT IN ISLAM

TO

THE DEVOTED AMERICAN AHMADIYS

In the following pages you will find a message of extreme importance from our Beloved Leader, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. Addressing the American Ahmadies, the Hazrat explains the significance of Al-Wasiyyat, the Will, as initiated by the Promised Messiah (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Our revered Leader tells us in this message that the time has come for the Ahmadies in America to participate in the Will and thus share the blessings of Allah as destined for His chosen ones.

Friends are aware that those who make their Will according to the teachings of the Promised Messiah are buried in the Bahishti Naqbara, a cemetery which was established by him on receiving the revelation that only those would be buried there who have been promised the blessings of paradise by Allah. Until now there have been two such cemeteries, one in Qadian and one in Rabwah. If sufficient number of Ahmadies in America would respond to the Wasiyyat, then the Hazrat may give the privilege to this country to be the third place in the history of Ahmadiyyat to have such cemetery.

A new chapter begins in the history of Ahmadiyyat in the United States of America.

My dear brethern of America,

As you must all be aware the Promised Massiha (On Whome be peace) published his testemetry directions in the document which is known as Al-Wasiyyat two years before his death. This is a document of great importance and must be carefully studied by every Ahmadi. I trust all of you have carefully read its English translation. If the English translation is not readily available to you I request Brother Khalil Ahmad Nasir to translate Al-Wasiyyat into English with such assistance from his colleagues as he may need and to distribute it to all of you as soon as may be. I hope that each of you on studying this document will be inspired with the eager desire to participate in the grand scheme set out therein which is so vital for the advancement of Islam and humanity.

When you study this document you will find that the scheme set out in it requires each member of the Movement who wishes to join it to bequeath in favour of the Central Ahmadiyya Association one tenth of the value of his property or if he owns no substantial property that he should contribute in his lifetime one tenth of his weekly or monthly income to the Central Ahmadiyya Association for the propagation of Islam and for the promotion of human welfare. It is necessary that the document bequeathing the property or setting out the promise in respect of these contributions should make it clear that the bequest or contributions as the case may be are free from all conditions and limitations and that the donor or his heirs or executors will in no circumstances question the disposal or disbursement of the property or the income by the Central Ahmadiyya Association or by any other authority which may be set up for carrying out the purposes and objectives of the scheme.

Once you have studied the whole document carefully you will fully grasp its grand purpose and objective but I also request Khalil Ahmad Nasir that he should arrange that the purpose and objective of Al-Wasiyyat should be explained to you by representatives of the Movement in detail at your respective centres. In compliance with the spirit of Al-Wasiyyat the Ahmadiyya Association of the United States of America will arrange for the purchase as early as may be of a suitable plot of land in some central locality which may be dedicated as a place of burial for those who make their wills in compliance with the conditions set out in Al-Wasiyyat and the rules promulgated from time to time by the

Head of the Movement and the Central Ahmadiyya Association and Tahrik-E-Jadid. I am convinced that once this project is put into effect in the States, it will quickly gather force and thousands of your countrymen may even millions will in due course join this scheme and thus swell the numbers of those who shall continuously devote their efforts and substantial portions of their incomes and properties to the objects mentioned in Al-Fasiyyat.

As the number of such sincere and devoted Ahmadies increases it may become necessary to establish similar burial places in different parts of the country and this shall be done from time to time as necessity shall require.

The income derived from the property so bequeathed or from the sale thereof and from the contributions made on this behalf shall be disbursed as follows:-

(a) One half shall be remitted to the Central Ahmadiyya Association for the maintenance of Central institutions and for the propagation of Islam throughout the world including the United States of America where for a long time to come workers specially trained at the Center will continue to be needed. The two Central institutions responsible for carrying on the work of propagation of Islam are the Central Ahmadiyya Association and the Tahrik-E-Jadid. The funds to be devoted out of the said income remitted to the Center for the propagation of Islam in various parts of the world will be divided between these two institutions in accordance with such instructions as may from time to time be laid down by the Head of the Movement.

(b) Of the remaining one half, three quarters will be devoted to the propagation of Islam in the States and one quarter shall be devoted to the promotion of the welfare of the poorer and more backward of our brethren wherever they may be, preference being given to making provision for their education and training.

As soon as I receive intimation through the representative of the Movement among you that a substantial number of you are eager to join the scheme set out in Al-Fasiyyat I shall proceed to appoint a committee for the purpose of selecting a site for the first burial ground under the scheme and for carrying out of the preliminary work necessary for making provision for the scheme and its purposes being effectively carried out in perpetuity. Every person who makes a will or promises to make the minimum contributions under

this scheme will, subject to the bequest being carried into effect or the contributions having been duly remitted, as the case may be, be entitled to be buried in one of the burial places dedicated for this purpose in the States or, in case he dies in India in the burial place at Qadian, or, in case he dies in Pakistan, in the burial place, at Ratwah, if his body is transported to the site of one of these burial places at the cost of his estate and there are no legal or other impediments in the way of the fulfilment of this purpose. It shall, however, be made clear in the will or in the document setting out the promise in respect of the said contributions, that failure to comply with this condition shall not operate to invalidate or otherwise effect the bequest or give rise to any claim in respect of the contributions made. Permission shall further be made that the Central Ahmadiyya Association shall take steps to have the names of all persons who have joined the scheme and or whose behalf its conditions have been fulfilled inscribed at suitable places in the burial places at Qadian or Ratwah and also that these names shall be inscribed as a record copies of which shall be made available in principal Ahmadiyya Centres so that future generations of Ahmadies may be prompted to pray for the souls of their departed brethren who had devoted themselves and their substance to the service of Islam and humanity.

It is essential and full care must be taken that the carrying into effect of the whole of this scheme shall be in accordance with the law of the United States of America so that no objection on that score should at any time operate to defeat or discount the purposes of this scheme.

As stated in Al-Wasiyyat this system will multiply its beneficence and shall prove the means of the uplift of all the weaker sections of humanity and for the spread of general prosperity and the promotion of human welfare. Any system which is based on coercion or compulsion cannot achieve the same result. The scheme set out in Al-Wasiyyat being purely voluntary and a free gift for the service of Islam and humanity will carry with it moral and spiritual benefits which may be lacking in any other system.

In course of time country after country will proceed to adopt this scheme and through this process God's name will be glorified through out the world more particularly on behalf of those who become the recipients of spiritual, moral and material benefits under its operation.

The scheme is already in operation in Pakistan and India. I hope and pray that the United States of America may prove to be the third country to adopt this scheme and thus lay the foundations for the promotion of the welfare of humanity on an ever expanding scale. Amen.

Brother: we are weak but our God is strong and Al-mighty We can do but little, but we can do every thing. We are sure that the help is speeding towards you. Indeed He Himself stands at your door waiting to enter. Spring up therefore and open wide your doors for Him to enter. When God enters your shmes and fills your hearts, life will become radiant for you and you will be glorified on earth as well as in Heaven. May God be with you. Amen.

WEDDING

A happy wedding in Chicago

We were very glad to receive the news that Brother Abdul Raheem of Boston, Mass. was happily married to Sister Amtul Jameel of Chicago in the Chicago Mosque on 27th. of January 1956.. Our best wishes and prayers in the service of Islam are extended to this Muslim couple.

ENGAGEMENT

Brother Bashir-Ud-Din Usama of Washington D.C. wishes to announce his engagement with Sister Fatimah Kaloo of Cleveland, Ohio. It is hoped that the wedding ceremony will take place in summer. Sister Fatimah Kaloo has been a very active member in her Mission. We are praying that Brother Usama who is President of the Washington Mission and Sister Fatimah will be a great asset to our Mission as a married couple.

BIRTH

It was wonderful to learn that our dear Missionary Bro. Abdul Qadir Zaighan is presently enjoying his well earned vacation at the Center, became the proud father of a baby boy. We take this opportunity to extend to him and his wife our heartiest congratulations, best wishes and sincerest prayers at the very joyous occasion.

RAMADHAN

"O ye who believe! fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous." (The Holy Qur'an 2:184)

In the month of Ramadhan fasting is obligatory on every adult Muslim, man or woman. The next month of Ramadhan starts in April 1956. Some of the most important instructions are given below for the benefit of Muslims in America.

WHO SHOULD FAST AND EXCEPTIONS:

Every adult Muslim should fast from early dawn to actual sunset except the sick, those who are on journey, and the woman in her period. All those who are exempted are supposed to fast later in the year to compensate for the fasts lost in Ramadhan. Aged people, those afflicted with diseases of long standing, who do not expect to be able to compensate with fasting later in the year; Or a woman whose nursing periods and pregnancy alternate at such short intervals that she never has an occasion to fast for years should make up for their omission by paying for one month's meals of some poor person.

LIMITS OF THE FAST:

- 1:- The fasting Muslim should have his morning meal before the first appearance of dawn, which is generally about one and a half hours before sunrise. This meal is not essential but special stress is laid on it by the Holy Prophet because it enables the fasting Muslim to cope better with the hardships of the fast.
- 2:- The fast lasts from early dawn till actual sunset when it should be broken immediately.
- 3:- Eating, drinking, shewing, taking snuff, medicine or an enema and going in unto wives all are forbidden to fasting Muslims during the time of fast.
- 4:- Ethically as it is clearly shown from the verse of the Holy Qur'an quoted above that the main purpose of the fast is a training to guard against evil and suffering and become righteous, a Muslim should specially try to abstain from foul speech, fighting, quarreling, abusing and evil words and deeds of all kinds.
- 5:- If the fast is broken in the evening under the impression that it is time to break the fast while the sun is still above the horizon or if it is broken because of getting suddenly sick or starting on a journey, such a fast will be made up by observing an extra fast sometime after the Ramadhan.

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However, anything done by mistake and stopped the moment it is realized during the fast does not break the fast.

6:- A man intentionally breaking a fast of Ramadhan, or not fasting in Ramadhan in the absense of an excuse, is guilty of a great sin and the penalty is 60 fasts without a break, or if he is not capable of that, to feed 60 poor people.

Great stress has been laid upon observing the Tahajud prayer, and recitation of the Holy Qur'an during Ramadhan.

Important

"THIS YEAR THE MOON FOR RAMADHAN WILL BE VISIBLE FROM THE EVENING OF APRIL 11TH. CONSEQUENTLY THE FIRST DAY OF FASTING WILL BE THURSDAY APRIL 12TH!"

"THE ID-UL-FITR WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY, MAY 12th., 1956."

We pray that Allah may enable all sister and brothers the full and lasting blessings of the Month of Ramadhan. We also wish a very ID to all Muslims.

Lajna Ima Ullah Dues

It has been brought to our notice that there is slight confusion about the Lajna Dues. According to the procedure confirmed by the Center, every Lajna is entitled to keep one half of the dues collected for their local needs. The other half should be sent to the Lajna's Financial Secretary. Out of this one half sent to the Financial Secretary of the American Lajnas, one half again should be kept for any such schemes which may have to be carried out on the national level. The other half, which would constitute one fourth of the total dues, should be sent to Washington headquarters for remittance to the Central Lajna in Rabwah. It is hoped that this will clarify the matter of the allocation of the Lajna dues.

Lear Brother And Sisters,

Assalamu-Alaikum. In constant shadow of the great responsibility that lies upon our shoulders, I have been trying to compose a program for Tabligh that would serve as a step towards augmenting our ranks.

It is imperative that we, who have been honoured and blessed with Ahmadiyyat, make a relentless effort to at least double our membership with each succeeding year for as yet our beloved religion is not felt in these United States plus the fact that we are now, according to the decision of His Holiness The Hazrat Khalifatul Masih KK, to stand on our feet. This means that we are not only expected to support ourselves, but to also be prepared to extend aid to our brothers-in-faith in other parts of the world.

I would also like to inform you at this time that it was revealed to our Beloved Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, that the restoration of his health depended not upon medicine but rather upon the prayers and supplications of his followers.

Bearing these points in mind and with the realization that Allah burdens no soul beyond its capacity, I am submitting a program that I pray will be applicable to all our Missions and that it will meet with your approval.

The Program is as follows:-

The Muslims should be encouraged to observe the Tahajjud Prayers at least every Friday morning, supplicating our Allah for the spread of Islam and for the good health and long life of our Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II.

II:- The New York Mission is observing fast on the second Monday of each month for the same reasons stated in item #I. It is hoped that the Muslims in other Missions will also do so.

III:- Invite all of your immediate family to accept the Holy Prophet of Islam (May Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

IV:- Every male Ahmadi prepare to lecture in his immediate neighbourhood streets, and parks during the coming warm months and offer yourselves to give private instructions to groups of two or more.

V:- Every Ahmadi pledge to be responsible for at least one visitor a week to your Mission. Insha Allah.

VI:- Every Ahmadi pledge to exert himself with prayers and effort to bring in at least one new member a year.

VII:- If you see where a public lecture will be beneficial in your vicinity and that you can assure (Inshallah) a sizeable audience of fifty or more, contact me with full information and I will in turn request financial support from our brother-Missions and ask the aid of our Missionaries as the main speakers.

With the conclusion of this program I close with prayers for all who make effort to serve in Islam and I request yours.

Yours in Islam

Mohd.Sadiq

Secretary of Tabligh

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih The II has been pleased to appoint Hafiz Qudrut Ullah, who was until recently Secretary of the Indonesia Mission, to take over the charge of Netherlands Mission. Hafiz Sahib has previously served for several years in Holland. We are sure that with the added activities of a newly built Mosque, this Mission has been placed in very competent hands.

The Hazrat has also appointed Syed Kamal Yusuf as the first Missionary to open a Mission in the Scandanavian countries with Sweden as the possible Lead Quarters. We will be prayerfully looking forward to receive the news of outstanding achievements from this strategic region.

We are happy to announce Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has been pleased to appoint Brother Rasheed Ahmad as honorary Missionary in St.Louis. It is hoped that in this capacity Brother Rasheed Ahmad will be of greater assistance to the Missionary In-Charge of his Circle, Mr.A.Shakoor Kunze.

KHULAAUL AHMADIYYA

A KHADIM'S PLEDGE

"I bear witness that there is none to be worshipped but Allah. He is One having no partner. And I bear witness that Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of God be upon him) is His Servant and Messenger!"

"I PLEDGE THAT I WILL BE ALWAYS
READY TO GIVE MY LIFE, PROPER-
TY, HONOUR AND TIME IN THE IN-
TEREST OF THE FAITH AND COMMUN-
ITY."

Addressing the members of Khudamul Ahmadiyya Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II said "I call upon our youngmen to reform their condition, live a righteous life and serve the faith. Islam today is in sad plight. If we do not uphold it today none will be left in the future to adhere to Islam."

Again he said "I draw the attention of the youth of Ahmadiyyat to get up with a determination and conviction that they must achieve their Creator. They should live a life in such a way that their very existence becomes a sign of God. Not only that their tongues should utter the signs of God but their whole beings become the very sign of God by themselves. And it is not beyond accomplishment, for, the doors of Allah's blessings have been opened for you just they were opened for the people before you."

Again he said "The Movement will be immensely benefited by your efforts to reform the youth and elevate their character. I advise Khudamul Ahmadiyya never to forget the eminence of their goal."

Keeping in mind these words of our most beloved Spiritual Leader we have to organize and discipline ourselves to prove the truth of Hazrat's words. Let us all unite on such a programme which gives us the opportunity to show our worth and ability to achieve the most high object. For this purpose I would like to offer a few suggestions.

1:- The members should be encouraged to hold congregational Fajar Prayers twice a month in the Mission (As adopted by the New York Mission).

- 2:- those who can should fast every first Monday and last Thursday of each month as a special supplication for the spread of Islam and for the good health and long life of beloved leader Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II.
- 3:- To be steadfast in payment of Khuddam dues and in sending $\frac{1}{4}$ to the Central Khuddam Secretary.
- 4:- The members of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya should not only themselves pay the Tahrik-E-Jadid Pledges as soon as possible but help collecting from others also for the prompt action to strengthen their Center.
- 5:- Those who can read themselves should know the basic principles of Islam, Prayers, Primar book and study other literature that is available from the Center of America Mission, that is Washington D.C. Those who are illetrate, they should be helped to learn. There should be no Ahmady Muslim who is not able to read, write and study. Every Khadam should try to learn Qur'an as soon as possible.
- 6:- We have to show best morals, noble character and good conduct to the people among whom we are living.
- 7:- We should be always prepared to help the needy, specially our own brothers and sisters.
- 8:- To be responsible for the general upkeeps of our Missions
- 9:- To contact all irregular brothers and with their permission conduct a meeting at their home, during which we try to get the brother to commit himself.
- 10:- The monthly reports be sent to the Qaid, that is, Bro. Mohd. Sadiq, (Mohd. Qasim) Secretary Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.

OUR NEW PUBLICATIONS

Friends will be glad to know that we have just sent to the press copy for four pamphlets on some of the basic subjects. We plan to publish them in large quantities. So as to make them easily available to the Missions on a very low cost. We will mail a few copies of each to the Mission as soon as they are out from the press. Presently you may be interested to note these pamphlets will cover the following subjects:-

- 1:- THIS WE BELIEVE An introduction to the teachings of Islam.
- 2:- WHAT ISLAM HAS DONE FOR UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

3:- HOW TO FIND YOUR MOST TREASURE. A comparison of the Bible and the Qur'an.

4:- THE BIBLE SAYS: JESUS DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS

The above leaflets which will be only two pages each, will now make it possible for the Missions to embark upon a scheme of free distribution to the public of the basic facts of Islam.

THE HOLY QURAN WITH ARABIC TEXT AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

Due to the rising costs in America we have been compelled to revise the price of the Holy QURAN WITH ARABIC TEXT AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION. Our new price will be \$6.50. Previously it was \$5.00. This change will take place from the FIRST of March 1956.

Your TAHRIK-I-JADID PLEDGES for 1956.

Friends are reminded that a quarter of the year is almost over and, so far, very few members have paid their Tahrik-i-Jadid pledges. It may hardly be emphasized that the earlier you fulfil this pledge, the more benefit can be derived by the Movement by applying it to the Propagation plans of this year. We hope that the office holders of the missions, Khuddam and Lajnas will give special attention to their pledges and try their best to fulfil their obligations in the first half of the year. Jazakunullah.

READERS' DIGEST ARTICLE ON ISLAM

Reprints of the article, "Islam: The Misunderstood Religion", by the noted author James Michener, which was published in the Readers' Digest last year are now available for only ten cents a copy. You may secure your copy and distribute among your friends also.

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LATEST LIST OF BOOKS ON ISLAM

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		Volume II	\$ 5.00
2.	The Holy Quran (Arabic Text)		\$ 5.00
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<u>By Nazrat Ahmad, Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement:</u>			
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5.	Ahmadiyyat or the True Islam		\$ 3.75
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31.	8500 Gems		\$ 3.00
32.	Islam and its Comparison with other Religions		\$ 2.00
33.	Vindication of the Prophet of Islam		\$.50
34.	The Muslim Prayer Book		\$.50
35.	Arabic Grammer with Key		\$ 5.00
36.	Arabic-English, English-Arabic Dictionary		\$ 5.00
37.	Yassarnul Quran, the Arabic Primer		\$.90
38.	Jesus in Kashmir		\$.10
39.	Bibliography of Pakistan		\$ 5.00
<u>Periodicals:</u>			
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	The Muslim Sunrise, quarterly; annual Sub.		\$ 1.50
	The Ahmadiyya Movement In Islam		
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