

THE HOLY QURAN ON KNOWLEDGE

1. Is he who prays devoutly (to God) in the hours of night, prostrating himself and standing, and fears the Hereafter and hopes for the mercy of his Lord, (like him who does not do so)? Say, 'Are those who know equal to those who know not?' Verily, only those endowed with understanding will take heed. (39 :10)
2. And of men and beasts and cattle, in like manner, there are various colors? Only those of His servants who possess knowledge fear Allah. Verily, Allah is Mighty , Most Forgiving.
Surely those who follow the Book of Allah and observe Prayer and spend out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, hope for a bargain which will never fail; (35: 29, 30)
3. O ye who believe! when it is said to you, 'Make room!' in your assemblies, then do make room, Allah will make ample room for you. And when it is said, 'Rise up!' then rise up; Allah will raise those who believe from among you, and those to whom knowledge is given, to degrees (of rank). And Allah is Well-aware of what you do. (58:12)
4. It is not possible for the believers to go forth all together. Why, then, does not a party from every section of them go forth that they may become well versed in religion, and that they may warn their people when they return to them, so that they may guard (against evil)? (9: 122)
5. Exalted then is Allah, the True King! And be not impatient for the Quran ere its revelation is completed unto thee, but (only) say, O my Lord increase me in knowledge (20: 115)

S A Y I N G S OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH, PEACE BE ON HIM

"There are no difficulties that cannot be solved, no sorrow that cannot be removed, no disease that cannot be cured by means of Prayer. What I say is from my personal experience, and not merely from imagination. To me Prayer is the most precious thing, and is productive of mighty effects. The hardships and difficulties of the world that are not solved by any other means or device, are solved through Prayer. Prayer saves one from the plots and conspiracies of the enemies. There is nothing that cannot be achieved through Prayer. To crown all, Prayer purifies man and develops living faith in God. It delivers one from sin and makes one steadfast in virtues and good deeds. So, very fortunate is the person who has faith in Prayer because he experiences the miraculous and marvellous powers of God and he believes in God by seeing Him. Man is constantly involved in a flood , as it were, from which he can be saved only means of Prayer." (From the Speech delivered in the Annual Conference of 1904).

"Blessed is the prisoner who is never tired of praying, because one day he will be released. Blessed are the blind who never slacken in prayer, for one day they will be blessed with sight. Blessed are those who, lying in grave, seek Divine assistance with prayer, because one day they will be taken out of grave.

Blessed are you who are never slack in prayer and whose hearts melt while praying. Blessed are you because your eyes shed tears and kindle a fire in your breasts, which leads you to the dark chambers and desolate jungles to give you the bliss and pleasure of solitude, and makes you restless, mad and forgetful of yourselves. So you will, in the long run, be shown mercy and grace. The God to whom we call you is very Compassionate, Merciful and shy of, i.e. sparing in, rejecting supplications; He is Truthful, Faithful, Kind to the meek and the humble. So, you, too, should become faithful to Him and keep on praying with perfect sincerity and fidelity; God will then, bestow His Mercy upon you. Keep aloof from the tumult and commotion of the world, and do not give your personal quarrel or disputation the tinge of religion. For the sake of God give in and admit defeat, so that you may be vouchsafed great victories. (Lecture Sialkot)

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EXCERPTS FROM THE SERMON OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III
delivered on May 25, 1968

After reciting Chapter Fateha and verse 36 of Al-Maidah which runs as follows:

"O ye who believe! fear Allah and seek the way of approach unto Him and strive in His way that you may prosper."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III said that in the above-mentioned verse a basic subject has been mentioned. Allah has asked three obligations of the believers in Islam, as a result of which they will have (1) an eternal life which will have no end; (2) a wealth which will leave no dependence; (3) an honour in the eye of God which will never be smirched and soiled with the darkness of Satanic insult and abasement; (4) a knowledge of spirituality which will be ever-increasing and will remove the darkness of ignorance.

The first obligation prescribed for a believer is to keep himself away from all kinds of sins, prohibited things, shortcomings and evils, of which he was the victim before his belief in Islam, so that His God may not be displeased with him. Thus a belief along with the recognition of God demands a man to shun all kinds of evils, bad habits, bad customs, bad ideas and desires and dirty inclinations only and only for the sake of God. This stage can be called a stage of fear from God.

The second obligation which can best be called a stage of love for God is to have yearning, longings and inclination to seek the paths and ways that lead to the beloved God. He utilizes all the means at his disposal to win the pleasure and approbation of Allah and tries his best to find out the ways leading to that end.

One of the meanings of the Arabic word "Waseela" used in the verse is the Holy Quran, as it guides us to those paths and ways that lead towards Him. Consequently a believer should have love of the Holy Quran in his mind and he should strive to follow its guidance and ordinances wholeheartedly.

The same word can be applied to the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him. It means, therefore, that a believer should follow the best model and exemplar, the Holy Prophet, peace be on him. He should try to study all the aspects of his life and try to assimilate them so that he may get the pleasure of his Creator.

The word also draws the attention of a believer that he should not be satisfied by certain means (like prayer, fast, zakat, pilgrimage or subscriptions). He should, rather, explore all the means and avenues as he knows not which of them will be accepted of him.

As a result of the above-mentioned two stages and two qualities the third obligation starts. A believer starts striving hard (Jihad) in His way. He then becomes ready and well-prepared to sacrifice every thing, and to bear any kind of hardship which he confronts in his way to Him. He resigns totally to the will of his Creator and offers wholeheartedly his health, wealth and honor, his parents or his progeny and all of his possessions and belongings.

These are three obligations, the fulfilment of which brings a follower nearer to God and to success in this very life and in Hereafter.

If a man professes to be a believer but does not fulfil these obligations, he is really very unfortunate and a great loser. He loses not only this world but also the Hereafter.

May God enable all the members of the Ahmadiyya Movement to fulfil these three obligations so that they may achieve the aim and motive of their creation by His sheer Grace and Mercy! May He open the eyes of the world as well and guide them to the true path!

PROTECTION OF OUR SACRED CENTER, QADIAN

All sisters and brothers are aware of the importance of the Protection of the dear Center, Qadian. Our American Mission has been carrying out the responsibility of paying its share every year by the grace of Allah. I, therefore, request all the members to pay this year as well their share. The Ameer should take interest personally & send their contributions to the Secretary at Washington without any delay & reminder. May God enable you all to pay more than before & may He be your Helper! Amen.

POEM WRITTEN BY CHIEF MISSIONARY MAQBOOL AHMAD QURESHI
AIM OF OUR MOVEMENT

1. La ilaha illallah
2. There is no God but Allah
3. We say daily prayers five
4. We pay zakat every year
5. God is one, His angels right
6. Day of Judgment is no doubt
7. God the Protector is one
8. He is infinite in Wisdom
9. Holy Prophet is still living
10. He leads us to Heaven from Hell
11. Peace is motive and our aim
12. We serve people with good deed
13. We free people from the seed
14. We do sacrifice health
15. We give people satisfaction
16. We help people find their God
17. Eliminating doubt and fear
18. WE ARE MUSLIMS BY HIS GRACE
19. We will convey His Message
20. We'll be models of piety
21. DARKNESS DISAPPEARS THRU US
22. Light of Islam will be kindled
23. OUR SUN WILL RISE AGAIN
24. Songs of its praise will be sung
25. We will use our every leisure
26. Guiding those who went astray
27. We will explore every way
28. We are sure of success
29. Maqbool 'tis era of showers

Mohammadur Rasoolullah
 Mohammad is sent by Allah
 We keep fasts and nights alive
 Pilgrimage of Mecca dear
 Books and Prophets show His Might
 Every thing is measured out
 We make partner with Him none
 Everywhere is His Kingdom
 Promised son's era beginning
 He warns us of time of death-knell
 Winning hearts is our claim
 We help them at time of need
 of mischief that rose indeed
 We don't mind a bit of wealth
 Spiritual food and satiation
 We inform them of their Lord
 We bring hope and good so near
 LAW OF QURAN WE EMBRACE
 Wise will accept and the sage
 We will serve the Almighty
 LIGHT OF TRUTH APPEARS THRU US
 With the glory of God mingled
 FLAG OF ISLAM WILL THEN REIGN
 Bells of its name will be rung
 For the sake of Godly pleasure
 Thru the spiritual pathless way
 In His cause, so come what may
 Words of God shall have access
 Gardens will be full of flowers.

PROTEST AGAINST MISUSE OF WORDS OF ALLAH & MOHAMMAD

The Protest was made to the Editor of the Dayton Daily News who published the following letter of the Chief Missionary:

"FOLKLORE MISAPPLIED TO ALLAH AND MOHAMMED"

"Both Political Parties Suffer from Big-City Manageritis," Editor Jim Fain wrote recently: "John H. Patterson decreed city managers, and if John H. Patterson is not Allah in our folklore, he is at least two lengths ahead of Mohammed."

In this paragraph the words Allah and Mohammed have been used in such a derogatory manner that they cannot be read but with the impression the writer wants to play with the sentiments of the people who hold them dearest of all the things.

I think it is known to all that the word Allah is the personal name of God in Islam, whereas His other names are His attributes. Similarly Mohammed, peace and blessings of God be on him, is the name of the founder of Islam and is held sacred more than the other prophets of God like Jesus Christ, Moses, Abraham, Jacob, etc., whose truth we came to know through his verification that they were the prophets of God. May God bless them all. Otherwise, the scriptures spared none of them committing one sin or other.

I, therefore, strongly protest against the usage of these terms in the name of folklore, and I am of the opinion that an esteemed paper like The Daily News should apologize for that and should avoid in future to use these names in this way. It does not behoove your paper to allow its repetition.

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THE CLASS BEFORE CONVENTION will be held, Insha Allah, from 24th of August. Every mission should try to send at least one representative. Ameers are requested to inform Chief Missionary of the participating students.

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THE FOLLOWING WILL is being published prior to the sanction of the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, Rabwah, so that if any person has any objection against it he may inform the said Anjuman through the Chief Missionary, America within 15 days:

"I am earning \$360.00 per month at present. I bequeath one tenth of my income in favor of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Pakistan, Rabwah. If my income increases or decreases I shall inform the Anjuman about this fact and the payments will be made accordingly. I do not own any moveable or immoveable property at present. Whatever property I own at the time of my death I bequeath one tenth of it in favor of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, Rabwah. This will of mine will become operative from April 10, 68, and shall remain so till my death.

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RABWAH'S NEWS

1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, may God strengthen him with His help, who had gone for a short period to Muree Hills, a summer resort, because of excessive heat, has returned to the Center Rabwah safely on July 3, 1968. Alhamdulillah. By the Grace of Allah he is faring well. Members should pray for his long and healthy life.
2. Hazrat Nawab Mubarak Begum, daughter of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, who have been suffering from pain in leg, has got relief now, by the Grace of God. Still she is weak. Members are requested to pray for her complete and speedy recovery. Similarly the second daughter Hazrat Nawab Amatul Hafeez Begum also deserves our prayers. May God grant them long and healthy lives!
3. Amatul Baseer daughter of Mian Abdur Rahim Ahmad, son-in-law of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, may God be pleased with him, was married to Br. Mir Daud Ahmad, who is doing his Ph.D. in America, and is nowadays in Pakistan. May God make this marriage a great success and blessed one!
4. Fazli Omar Teaching of the Holy Quran Class started at Rabwah on July 1, 68. 176 male and 226 female students are attending the Class. Apart from Rabwah they have come from twenty four districts of West Pakistan to learn the teachings of the Holy Quran. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III exhorted them to learn sincerely the meanings and teachings of the Holy Quran and then teach them at their respective places to the members. He also asked them to work hard and pray to God that He may enable them to acquire the required knowledge.

NEWS OF AHMADIYYA AMERICAN MISSIONS

1. The Ahmadiyya Mission, New York celebrated "All Prophets Day" on July 7, 1968. The meeting continued for two and a half hours. Later on the audience were allowed to ask questions and after that refreshments were served.
2. Fifth Annual Propagation Day was celebrated by Lajna Imaillah, Pittsburgh, on June 30, 68. Br. Ahmad Shaheed was the main speaker. He spoke on Islam and Peace. All the Muslims and non-Muslims who participated in it were served later on with refreshments. The Mission advertised the meeting for one week over the local Radio station. Two weeks prior to the said meeting Br. Ahmad Shaheed spoke also in a meeting arranged by another Islamic group. On different occasion the mission distributed leaflets and literature.
3. The Ahmadiyya Mission, Milwaukee is trying its best to propagate Islam and Ahmadiyyat. It has distributed 4000 handbills. The mission has weekly Ads. in the Milwaukee Journal and Milwaukee Sentinel. Weekly meetings are also being held in the

Wisconsin Hotel.

4. Children's Camp session is beginning in Athens, Ohio from July 20 to August 3, 1968, under the auspices of Lajna Imaullah, America. The parents are requested to send their children to the Camp so that they may benefit by its program.

5. Br. Ahmad Barkat and Sister Maryam Johnson are still suffering. Members should pray for their complete and speedy recovery.

***** A N N O U N C E M E N T S

1. TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AHMADIYYA AMERICAN MISSIONS will be held as notified, Insha Allah, on August 31 and September 1, 68, at DAYTON MOSQUE, DAYTON. Its importance is known to every Ahmadi, as it is not but the image of the Annual Gathering established by the Promised Messiah, peace be on him. It is, therefore, THE DUTY OF EVERYONE of us to make it a great success, by attending ourselves and by bringing our friends and relatives, by contributing generously towards its expenses and volunteering for any service that may be required at the spot. Those who want us to make arrangements for their lodging should inform the Secretary Br. Syed Jawad Ali, Washington at least three weeks in advance..

Ameers of Missions and office holders of Lajna Imaullah, Ansarullah and Khuddamul Ahmadiyya are requested to prepare brief report of their activities to be read out in Convention. They can send proposals as well in advance to the Chief Missionary so that they may be placed before the Convention.

The amounts to be donated by Missions and individuals have been fixed. It is expected of every mission and individual to send the respective donation within the month of July so that the preparation for the Convention may be made in time.

All remittances should be made to the Secretary, 2141 Leroy Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008. The list of allotted donation was published last month in the Ahmadiyya Gazette.

2. The Ameers are reminded again that they should see personally that no person remain behind in pledging for Tahriki Jadid subscriptions.

3. FAZLI OMAR FOUNDATION SUBSCRIPTION: We are behind the target of this year. All the missions and individuals should try their best to pay two third of their pledges forthwith as the third year has already started.

Those who have paid two third already should start their payment for the last year. Jazakumullah!

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Members are requested to be regular in their subscriptions of the Month, of Wasiyyat, of Tahriki Jadid, of Fazli Omar Foundation, of Waqfi Jadid, or other pledges which they have made. Jazakumullah!

5. SUBSCRIPTION TO THE AHMADIYYA GAZETTE \$2.50 per annum or donation will help its publication. Jazakumullah!

6. The Chief Missionary reminds again that the Members should compete with each other in the propagation of Islam. Everyone should try to convert at least five persons. Those who will hold first and second positions will be awarded prizes.

7. Qaideen of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya should try to make their organisation active. Apart from regular subscription they should try to get donations for the Hall of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Central. They should also ask the members to offer themselves to render service, at the time of Convention, of any kind, required of them.

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