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THE HOLY QURAN ON BARGAINING WITH ALLAH

1. Is he, then, who founded his building on fear of Allah and His pleasure better or he who founded his building on brink of a tottering water-worn bank which tumbled down with him into the fire of Hell? And Allah guides not the wrong-doing people.

This building of theirs, which they have built, will ever continue to be a source of disquiet to their hearts, unless their hearts be torn to pieces. And Allah is All-Knowing, Wise.

Surely Allah has purchased of the believers their persons and their property in return for the (Heavenly) Garden they shall have; they fight in the cause of Allah, and they slay and are slain- an unfailing promise (that He has made) incumbent on Himself in the Torah, and the Gospel, and the Quran. And who is more faithful to his promise than Allah? Rejoice, then, in your bargain which you have made with Him; and that it is which is the supreme triumph.

They are the ones who turn to God in repentance, who worship Him, who praise Him, who go about in the land serving Him, who bow down to God, who prostrate themselves (in Prayer), who enjoin good and forbid evil, and who watch the limits set by Allah. And give glad tidings to those who believe. (9: 109-112)

2. "Verily, those who swear allegiance to thee indeed swear allegiance to Allah. The hand of Allah is over their hands. So whoever breaks his oath breaks it to his own loss; and whoever fulfils the covenant that he has made with Allah, He will surely give him a great reward." (48: 11)

ENGLISH VERSION OF AN URDU POEM WRITTEN BY THE PROMISED MESSIAH,

PEACE BE ON HIM - BY MAQBOOL AHMAD QURESHI

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| 1. The chosen ones of God receive
His help and succor that conceive | 5. Sometimes it in the form of dust
does fall on enemy a u g u s t |
| 2. The miracle that shows the world
another world, an upper world | 6. Sometimes it in the form of water
does bring the flood upon them after |
| 3. Sometimes it in the form of wind
does blow the straws like whirling wind | 7. In short the works of God are not
stopped by the men though they be lot |
| 4. Sometimes it in the form of fire
burns the opponents entire | 8. Well, what a creature can do them
against the Creator of men ? |

A CALL TO T R U T H

"This appeal is addressed to the ministers of the Christian Churches in all humility and respect. Truly, if Jesus Christ (peace be on him) were really the son of God or God Himself, then I should have been the first to worship him and to proclaim his Godhood in all the land, And though I might have suffered harm and met with death or been killed and torn to pieces for his sake, still I would not have desisted from calling the people to him and proclaiming his godhood. But, O my dear ones- may God have mercy on you and open your eyes- know you for certain that Jesus (peace be on him) was not God. He was only a prophet and nothing more than a prophet. And I swear by God's Omnipotence that I bear such a true love for him as is never possible for you to experience, and the glory in which I see him, it can never be yours to discern. There is not a shadow of doubt that he was one of the beloved and approved prophets of God, one of those upon whom a special blessing descends from God, one who is purified by God's own hand. But never was he a God or the Son of God. I say not this from myself, but from God, the Master of the Earth and the Heaven, Who has manifested Himself to me the Promised Messiah of latter days." (20th March, 1897)

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EXCERPTS FROM THE SERMON OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASHIH III

DELIVERED ON JANUARY 17, 1969

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, may God strengthen him with His succor, recited chapter Fateha and the following verse of fifth chapter: "O Messenger! let not those grieve thee who hastily fall into disbelief-those ^{who say} with their mouths, 'We believe', but their hearts believe not. And among the Jews too are those who would fondly listen to any lie- who listen for (conveying it to) another people who have not come to thee. They pervert words after their being put in their right places, and say, 'If you are given this, then accept it, but if you are not given this, then beware!' And as for him whom Allah desires to try, thou shalt not avail him aught against Allah. These are they whose hearts Allah has not been pleased to purify; they shall have disgrace in this world, and in the Hereafter they shall have a severe punishment." (5:42) Hazrat then elaborated that the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, was granted a very sincere and devoted group of followers, who were ready to sacrifice every thing for the sake of Allah. But there were certain persons among them who professed belief by their mouths but had their hearts destitute of it. Again they were of two kinds-(1) those who could be expected to be reformed later on and could let the belief enter into their hearts; (2) those who were ever-inclined to hear of disbelief, transgression and disobedience and spread them to others. These people generally contacted the Non-Muslims who were in close contact with Muslims. As a result these non-Muslims, when alone with their friends, fabricated different stories and attributed them to the sincere and devoted Muslims. Thus they wanted to weaken Islam. Their aim was to hear the speeches, commentary of the Holy Quran, etc. with the intention to distort them and then try to make those who intended to join Islam run away from it.

Hypocrites had always the habit to contact the transgressors and the agitators from among the non-Muslims to do harm to Islam. Internally they tried their best to weaken the spirit of obedience and externally to make Islam the target of different objections and false allegations. But Allah, the Almighty guided always the righteous ones to know them and their tactics and thus caused their failure and nullified their schemes and machinations.

It is, therefore, enjoined by God to be always vigilant and on guard from such people and to hold fast the Holy Prophet's hand and follow his good example and unique practice. Thus we will save ourselves and the cause of Islam. Again it is our utmost duty not to grant respect and honor to such persons as the real honor belongs to Allah and His messenger and those who follow him sincerely. Persecutions and trials come upon the righteous ones to awaken them from their sleep and to increase them in faith. It is the destiny of God that Islam will certainly prosper and flourish and the day will come when the world will consider its honor in following the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

FESTIVAL OF SACRIFICESWRITTEN BY THE CHIEF MISSIONARY MAQBOOL AHMAD QURESHI

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| 1. Animals of sacrifice
being slaughtered, cut in slice | 9. Saves his future and the past
enters Paradise at last |
| 2. Being offered with surrender
of the mind that does remember | 10. Pilgrim there in Kaba's field
glorifies Him and does yield |
| 3. Allah's blessing and His favor
and enhances in its fervor | 11. Brotherhood of every nation
can be felt with exultation |
| 4. Though we take their flesh and meat
Though delicious meal we eat | 12. Wearing white sheets of the cloth
sacrificing life like m o t h |
| 5. Yet it never reaches Him
without the piety of Pilgrim | 13. Proves equality of men
forward forward marches then |
| 6. Without annihilating self
Sacrificing mind itself | 14. He sees many a sign and place
Where his master lived with grace |
| 7. He who "slaughters she-camel
of his self" at citadel | 15. Commemorating all the rites
"Allaho akbar" he recites |
| 8. Of his God who gave him all
Power whether big or small | 16. May Maqbool our spirit bow
at His threshold with strong vow |

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R A B W A H ' S _ N E W S

1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III is indisposed with cough. Members are requested to pray continuously for his complete and speedy recovery and long long healthy life.
2. Hazrat Nawab Mubarak Begum is suffering from body-ache and head-ache. Members are requested to pray for her speedy and complete recovery.
3. Hazrat Syeda Mansurah Begum wife of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III is suffering from kidney infection and cough. Members should pray for her speedy recovery.
4. Wife of Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad, may God be pleased with him, is suffering from sleeplessness because of unrest. Members are requested to pray for her speedy health.
5. Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated at Rabwah on February 27, 1969. Local members and those from neighboring places said their Eid prayers behind their beloved Imam. After Eid, because of the sacrifices of the animals, Hazrat returned to his house. But next day after Friday prayers Hazrat graced the members with shaking hands. They also offered their Eid Mubarak to him.
6. Consultative meeting of Ahmadiyya Jamaat will be held this year, Insha Allah, on March 28-30, 1969.
7. Maulvi Abdul Hakeem and Maulvi Mohammad Shafeeq Qaisar left Rabwah for the propa-
gation of Islam on March 3 and March 6 respectively. May God bless them and enable
them to serve Islam and Ahmadiyyat in the best possible way!

NAIB SADR FOR KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA, AMERICA

Chief Missionary Maqbool Ahmad Qureshi is re-instated as Naib Sadr of Khuddamul
Ahmadiyya in U.S.A. The last month appointment was made due to some official mistake.

NEWS OF AHMADIYYA AMERICAN MISSIONS

1. New York Mission: is meeting on Fridays and Sundays. On Sundays they are having Arabic class as well. Br. Mohammad Sadiq spoke in a college where he was invited. He distributed and sold literature as well. Br. Syed Jawad Ali paid visit and spoke on Eid sacrifice. Members distributed literature in great number.
2. Detroit Mission: Friday prayers and meetings are being held regularly.
3. Cleveland Mission: Friday and Sunday meetings are being held regularly. Eid-ul-Adha prayers and later on Saturday feast were a great success.
4. Pittsburgh Mission: celebrated Eid prayers successfully. On Sunday a feast was arranged and propagation program was carried on with great success.
5. St. Louis Mission: Apart from two converts last month another one has joined the Movement. May Allah bless them all!
6. Philadelphia Mission: Regular Friday and Sunday meetings are being held. Members are passing handbills and literature as well.
7. Washington Mission: One person has joined the Movement. May Allah grant him steadfastness and bless him!
8. Louisville Mission: Striving hard to propagate Islam, especially among the students of the University from Muslim countries.
9. Milwaukee Mission: was the host on March 1, 1969, of the Chicago circle; members. A newsletter was printed in February.
10. National Office-holders of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, including Nazim Atfalul Ahmadiyya are trying their best to organise the members. They are publishing their organ named "Khadim" regularly. May Allah reward them and fructify their efforts!
11. National Qaid of Ansarullah has circulated the letter and advised the office-holders to perform their duties.
12. Lajna Imallah's Organ "Ayesha" is going to be published in near future. The preparations are under way.
13. Dayton Mission: Friday and Sunday meetings are being held regularly. Business meet-
ing of office-holders was held on March 10 in which office-holders submitted their
monthly activities report, including financial one. Later on suggestions to improve
the work were welcomed. Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated on February 27. One cow and six sheep
were sacrificed. On Saturday March 1 at 4 p.m. and on Sunday March 2 at 11.00 a.m.
non-Muslims were invited to meals and were preached.

Chief Missionary Maqbool A.Qureshi was invited by Episcopal Church, Down Town, to speak on Islam on March 15. Accordingly he spoke on Islam. Br. Rafiq Ahmad and Br. Nasir Ahmad accompanied him and they passed out the handbills to the audience and sold some literature.

Chief Missionary was also invited by the authority of Valery School where he addressed three classes. Later on questions were answered. Handbills were distributed. 14. We announce with pleasure that Br. Rashid Ahmad American, St. Louis, is blessed with a son on February 4, 1969. May Allah grant him long and healthy life and make him a servant of Islam!

15. By the grace of Allah eight persons - three from St. Louis, two from Philadelphia, two from New York and one from Los Angeles - joined the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. May Allah grant them all steadfastness and bless them!

We announce with profound sorrow the demise of our dear and old member Brother Abdul Qadeer, Dayton, Ohio. He passed away on Sunday March 16, 1969. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon. He was 86. Arrangement was made for his bath on Monday, March 17. His Janaza prayers were said on March 18 at 8.00 p.m. and he was buried on March 19 at 2.30 p.m. at Woodland Cemetery, Dayton. Nearly all the local members and some from Pittsburgh participated in Janaza prayers and burial. The deceased subscribed \$6090 for the construction of the Dayton Mosque. May God accept his sacrifice and make it a lasting charity for him! He had sweet voice and called Azan regularly at the Mosque. May God grant him Paradise. His non-Muslim relatives and friends also attended funeral.

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

1. Deadline for Fazli Omar Foundation pledges is approaching. All those who have pledged should strive hard to pay their full pledges before the end of April. Jazakumullah! Ameers should check the list and try to remind every person and see that the full amount is paid in time. Jazakumullah!
2. Members are requested to pledge for Tahriki Jadid's new year. Ameers are requested to see that no one remains behind in pledging. Jazakumullah!
3. Ahmadiyya Muslim Calendar for 1969 is available from all missionaries and Ameers. Members are requested to buy it.
4. Members who want to buy "The Review of Religions", or "Tahriki Jadid Monthly", or "Muslim Herald" of London Mission, should inform the Chief Missionary. Annual subscriptions are dollars three, one and 3.50 respectively.
5. ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY written by former missionary of Dayton, Major Abdul Hamid is out. Members are strongly requested to buy it and present it to non-Muslims. It can be had from the Secretary Br. Syed Jawad Ali, Washington, D.C. for \$3.75 only.
6. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Members are requested to be regular in their subscriptions of the Month, of Wasiyyat, of Tahriki Jadid, of Waqfi Jadid, or other pledges which they have made. Jazakumullah!
7. SUBSCRIPTION TO THE AHMADIYYA GAZETTE for the new year: \$2.50 per annum or donation will help its publication. Jazakumullah!
8. All members including the new converts are being sent the Ahmadiyya Gazette. Those who do not receive should inform the Chief Missionary of their correct addresses. Ameers should see personally that all are receiving it.
9. MEMBERS OF KHUDDAMUL AHMADIYYA ARE INFORMED THAT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD in Dayton on April 25, 26 & 27, 1969. All should try to participate in it, and make it a great success.

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