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THE HOLY QURAN ON REPENTANCE

1. "It teaches that you should worship none but Allah. I am to you a warner, and a bearer of glad tidings from Him;

And that you seek forgiveness of your Lord, and then turn to Him. He will provide for you a goodly provision until an appointed term. And He will grant His grace to every one possessed of merit. And if you turn away, then surely I fear for you the punishment of a dreadful day." (11:3, 4)

2. "Say O My servants who have committed excesses against their own souls! despair not of the mercy of Allah, surely Allah forgives all sins, Verily He is Most Forgiving and Merciful."

And turn ye to your Lord, and submit yourselves to Him, before there comes unto you the punishment; for then you shall not be helped." (39: 54, 55)

3. "O ye who believe! turn to Allah in sincere repentance. It may be that your Lord will remove the evil (consequences) of your deeds and make you enter Gardens through which rivers flow, on the day when Allah will not abase the Prophet nor those who have believed with Him. Their light will run before them and on their right hands." (66: 9)

4. "Know they not that Allah is He who accepts repentance from His servants and takes alms, and that Allah is He who is Oft-returning (with compassion, and is) Merciful?" (9:104)

5. "Except those who repent, and believe and do good deeds: for as to these, Allah will change their evil deeds into good deeds: and Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful."

SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH PEACE BE ON HIM

My friends, the plague is still threatening us and I have received information from on High that many of its onslaughts are in the store for us. These are dangerous days and no one can say who would become its morsel by the next year & who remain alive, what house would be devastated and what saved. Arise then and repent, and please your Lord with good and virtuous deeds. Mind that though errors in belief would be punished in the life to come, and the fact of being a Hindu or a Muslim or a Christian would be decided on the day of judgement, yet the person who exceeds all limits in his transgression, evil and injustices to others, will be punished even here and he cannot flee from the wrath of heaven. Rise then and please your Lord and be at peace with Him before the terrible day comes, the day of the raging of plague, of which the prophets of God have prophesied. Reconcile yourselves with your Lord, for He is the Most Merciful and if you repent truly and forsake the ways of evil, He will forgive you all your sins. A single moment's repentance with a true and fearful heart cancels the evil deeds of seventy years. Do not say that your repentance is not accepted by God. No! you cannot be saved by your own deeds, it is the grace of God that takes you by the hand and not your own deeds. Merciful and Gracious God! show mercy to us.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE SERMON OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL

MASIH III DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1969.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III recited chapter Fateha and the verse: "So ask forgiveness of Him, then turn to Him (wholeheartedly). Verily my Lord is nigh (and) answers (prayers)." (11:62). He then added that we know from the Holy Quran three kinds of His nearness and proximity:

1. The first kind is the general nearness which is available to every thing created by Him, whether animate or inanimate. That is why Allah has proclaimed that His knowledge and Might encompass every thing. This nearness can be called the nearness of creation, as the Creator is nearest to the created things of all the other things. Every thing depends upon Him for its existence and support.
2. But human nature as it is, is never satisfied with such nearness. Rather it is in search of His special nearness. And before reaching that cherished stage a second kind of nearness intervenes. This nearness is that of His wrath and anger. Allah has created men in His image so that they may get His nearness. But in its stead some of them go away from Him and do not long for His nearness. As a result Allah wills to bring them back to Himself as He says "He encompasses the disbelievers". Thus by showing His wrath He brings them back to the truth. This was necessary so that the men may know of His displeasure and as a result they may try to avoid it and reform themselves.
3. Third kind of proximity is that of Mercy. Some persons -the fortunate and blessed ones- come near to Him and become His beloved ones. Many revolutions and changes are brought about because of them. They not only feel themselves near to Him, but also see His manifestations in the form of acceptance of prayers by Him. Such people are in personal love with Him, so much so that in the words of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, if they are squeezed and compressed the extract that will come out of them will be that of His love. They pass through many diverse trials and turmoils, but their relationship with their God remains still firm and unchanged. That is why the companions of the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, never wanted to go away from him as they had seen the Divine Manifestations in the form of acceptance of prayers. And because of such manifestations they performed unique sacrifices. The Holy Prophet, peace be on him, brought his people to the presence of such a God who showed His manifestations by accepting their prayers and by answering their questions, and who is showing up till now and will show to the Day of judgment His signs.

To show this kind of proximity and to guide to it Allah has enjoined upon the believers in the verse quoted above to ask forgiveness of Him and to turn to Him and to Him only. As man has been given option to perform good or bad actions Allah has taught to ask Him of His forgiveness so that He may suppress the evil tendencies and remove the evils. Secondly He asked men to turn to Him and show repentance. When human weaknesses and tendencies to evil are removed, even then a man cannot do good at his will and pleasure. He cannot create good results of his actions himself. So there is a need to turn to Him, show humility and seek His assistance in performing righteous deeds. As a result He will respond more favorably than a man expects and than he goes towards Him.

Each and every member of our Jamaat should strive hard to reach the third kind of nearness by asking forgiveness of Him and praying to Him for the removal of weaknesses. and by turning to Him for the performance of good and righteous deeds, so that the aim of the advent of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, be fulfilled through us and the world may see the truth and accept it through

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STATEMENTS OF MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTIONS(1/2)RECEIVED AT
WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM MAY 1968 to APRIL, 1969.

Missions	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Individuals	487.40	+712.25	+477.20	+ 489.00	+ 230.80	+ 716.80	+ 703.20					
			918.80		805.80	+ 2031.80	627.00					747.30
New York	243.68	+244.00	+60.50	+ 149.75	+ 176.50		100.50	+ 149.00	+286.50			
			186.00		207.50		126.50		150.50			
Milwaukee	130.25	+49.96	+90.48	+95.92	X	X	X	136.60	+178.65	+14.00	X	+247.10
Pittsburgh	75.84	+63.32	+66.82	+67.27	+70.05	+69.25	+61.06	+60.56	+ 68.52	+65.63		
									73.25			49.26
St. Louis:	50.25	+62.50	+X	+125.50	+44.75	+53.00	+36.50	+46.50	+56.50	+40.75	+60.25	+59.00
Washington:	X	53.00	+113.75	+50.00	+X	+90.25	+X	+ 39.50	+37.75	+22.50	+50.50	
												121.75
Dayton:	49.60	+41.85	+42.63	+34.05	+41.60	+66.48	+40.87	+53.75	+33.50	+48.10	+42.35	
												33.48
Chicago:	X+	87.00	+33.00	+42.13	+X	+59.55	+56.00	+X	+73.06	+51.50	+60.45	+25.50
Detroit:	50.00					107.30			31.00			26.25
Athens				200.00								
Louisville:	35.50	+19.50	+15.50	+17.00	+10.50	+1300	+1400	+1300	+1400	+2.93	+14.50	+4.50
Cleveland:	20.00	+15.00								40.25	+41.75	+40.50
Baltimore:	14.75	+ X	+ 22.50	+11.50	+1150	+12.75	+X	+1275	+17.75	+1525	+7.50	+ 9.50
Philadelphia						39.25						
Indianapolis:	2.80	+3.69	+2.81	+2.80	+6.80	+2.88	+2.93	+2.56	+3.19	+ X	+ 2.68	+ 2.93
Waukegan:	6.00		16.00									
Cincinnati			12.00									

 Total of Individuals \$8947.35) New York(2080.93)Milwaukee(943.06)Pittsburgh
 (790.83)St. Louis (635.50)Washington(579.00)Dayton (528.26)Chicago (488.19)
 Detroit (214.55)Athens(200.00)Louisville(178.93)Cleveland(157.50)Baltimore
 135.75)Philadelphia(39.25)Indianapolis(36.07)Waukegan(22.00)Cincinnati(12.00)
 Grand total:\$15989.17)

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

I N C O M E		EXPENDITURE	
Monthly Subscriptions:	15989.17	Public Meetings:	161.00
Tahriki Jadid	: 1926.10	Transportation	1507.18
Zakat	: 126.00	Entertainment	213.80
Sadaqa	452.12	Mission Houses	1500.00
Mosque Fund	: 1242.68	Stationary	95.00
Miscellaneous	356.75	Mail Phone, etc.	752.61
Eid fund and Fitrana	179.19	Books, Newspapers	202.32
Fidya	15.00	Allowances	4176.00
		Miscellaneous	100.00
	20287.01	1/4 deposited to the	
		Center Account :	3963.95
		Tahriki Jadid	1926.10
		Total	14597.96
Total income of Literature:	3030.70		
Total Expenditure	3070.14		

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

- 1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's health by the Grace of Allah, is all right. Members are requested to keep on praying for his complete health and long long life
- 2. Hazrat Nawab Mubarak Begum is suffering occasionally from general weakness head-ache and ache in body. Members should pray for her complete recovery

N E W S O F A H M A D I Y Y A A M E R I C A N M I S S I O N S

- 1. PITTSBURGH & St. Louis: Apart from local activities Br Ahmad Shaheed Ameer of Pittsburgh and Br. Munir Ahmad, Ameer of St. Louis, participated in Khuddam's Annual meeting and both contributed greatly to its success.
- 2. Canada (Toronto): Malik Ghulam Rabbani, Vice President of local Jamaat passed away on April 25, 1969. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioun. His body was flown to Rabwah where Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said his funeral prayers. Before it Br. Malik Rashid Athimi also passed away in March. May Allah grant them paradise and the bereaved families patience!
- 3. New York: Br. Bashir Afzal reports that mission is growing by the Grace of Allah. Propagation meeting was held successfully on April 20. He requests to pray for Sis. Saeeda Lateef, her mother and Sis. Fatimah Haneef's father, for recovery.
- 4. Detroit: Apart from regular Friday prayers and meetings the Ameer Br. B. Usama attended Khuddam's Annual meeting and Cleveland's propagation meeting.
- 5. Cleveland: In addition to the regular meetings Propagation day was celebrated successfully.
- 6. Milwaukee: Several propagational activities were carried out in addition to the regular weekly passing out of literature and Circle Khuddam's project. Br. Abdul Malik spoke to a class of Riverside High School. Four members went to Madison, Wis. and preached there. May Allah fructify their efforts!
- 7. Philadelphia: Members are trying to preach by distributing leaflets on the streets and placards apart from regular meetings.
- Louisville: Members are holding meetings and trying to learn reading of Arabic.
- Boston: Members have started prayers of Friday and meeting at a rented place.
- Dayton: Friday prayers and Sunday Public meetings are being held regularly. On May 12 a business meeting of office-holders was held as usual to keep the members aware of the activities. Arabic class is being held every day before Maghrib. The Chief Missionary was invited to speak on Islam by Stebbins High school twice. Once he addressed two classes for three hours and second time one class was addressed. Later on questions were answered. Mosque was kept clean by members.
- 11. KHUDDAMUL Ahmadiyya held their Annual meeting (first of its nature) on April 25, 26, 27, 1969 at Dayton Mosque, Dayton. Nearly thirty members, one third of all Khuddam here, attended the meeting. The program was very interesting & was availed of by all. Khuddam returned with new zeal and faith. Alhamdo lillah.
- 12. BAI'AT: By the grace of Allah eleven persons joined the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam—five from Dayton, two from New York, one from Pittsburgh, one from Baltimore, one from Detroit and one from Napa, California. May Allah bless them all and grant them steadfastness!

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

- 1. FAZLI OMAR FOUNDATION PLEDGES: Chief Missionary is very sorry to say that the response so far is not encouraging as it should have been. Presently Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has again drawn the attention of the members to fulfil their pledges before the deadline of June 30, 1969. Special efforts are required on the

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22nd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AHMADIYYA MISSIONS, U.S.A.

2. This year Annual Convention will be held, Insha Allah, at Dayton Mosque, Dayton, on August 30 & 31 (Saturday & Sunday). Its importance is known to all of us, 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 every member to make it a great success, by attending himself and by bringing friends and relatives, and by contributing generously towards its expenses. Members of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya are expected to volunteer for the services required at the spot. Those who want us to arrange lodging should inform Sis. Kareema Shafeek, 633 Randolph St. Dayton, 45408.

The amounts to be donated by missions are being fixed. Individuals living alone are requested to pay at least \$3.00 each. Donations should be sent up till the end of July at most. Br. Mohammad Qasim, Ameer of Dayton, member of Convention Committee is appointed to make arrangement for the supply of food and other things in advance. All remittances should be made to the Secretary Br. Syed Jawad Ali, Washington. The list of allotted donations is as follows:

New York 100.00 (Pittsburgh 75.00 Milwaukee, St. Louis, Chicago (the Host this time 60.00 each Washington 45.00 Dayton, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland 40.00 each Waukegan 35.00 Louisville Detroit 30.00 Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Athens 20.00 each. Youngstown, Boston 7.00 each.

3. Stalls for the sale of merchandise can be hired at the time of convention from Br. Mohammad Qasim, the Ameer of Dayton. Individuals and organisations interested should correspond with the Ameer and reserve their places.

4. A class from 23rd to 29th of August, a week before Convention will be held this year as well. Members who want to avail this opportunity should arrange beforehand and inform the Chief Missionary.

5. Members will be glad to know that the arrangements to start Muslim Sunrise again have been made. The Center has sanctioned the budget for that. Each copy will be sold for 30 cents. It will be available, Insha Allah, from Ameers who will take care to send subscriptions received every month to the Secretary.

6. Ameers are reminded to send their reports every month regularly.

7. All missions should pay attention to the payment of the books "The Teachings of Islam". \$12.50 per hundred at the earliest. Jazakomollah!

8. ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY written by our former missionary of Dayton Major Abdul Hamid is out. Members are requested to buy it. It can be had from our Washington mission for \$3.75 only.

9. Members are requested to be regular in their SUBSCRIPTIONS of the month, of wasiyyat, of Tahriki Jadid, of Waqfi Jadid, of Fazli Omar Foundation, or other pledges they have made. Jazakomollah!

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Ahmadiyya Gazette for the new year: \$2.50 per annum or donation will help its publication. Jazakomollah!

11. ALBUM OF AHMADIYYA MISSIONS IN USA: will be published, Insha Allah. Ameers should try to send group photos of members, along with mission house if any. Other souvenir pictures of former occasions and missionaries will be accepted gratefully. All should send at the earliest, otherwise there should be no complaint later on.

Washington

12. GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY has granted fellowship to Br. Basharat Ahmad Jameel of New York from September. May Allah make it a blessing for him!

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