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THE HOLY QURAN ON FASTING

1. "O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous.

(The prescribed fasting is)for a fixed number of days, but whoso among you is sick or is on a journey shall fast the same number of other days; and for those who are able to fast (only)with great difficulty is an expiation-the feeding of a poor man.And whoso performs a good work with willing obedience, it is better for him. And fasting is good for you, if you only knew.

The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present (at home)in this month, let him fast therein. But whoso is sick or is on a journey, shall fast the same number of other days. Allah desires to give you facility and He desires not hardship for you, and that you may complete the number, and that you may exalt Allah for His having guided you and that you may be grateful.

And when my servants ask thee about Me, say: 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.

It is made lawful for you to go in unto your wives on the night of the fast. They are a garment for you, and you are a garment for them.Allah knows that you have been acting unjustly to yourselves, wherefore He has turned to you with mercy and afforded you relief. So you may now go in unto them and seek what Allah has ordained for you; and eat and drink until the white thread becomes distinct to you from the black thread of the dawn.Then complete the fast till nightfall and do not go in unto them while you remain in the mosques for devotion. These are the limits fixed by Allah,so approach them not.Thus does Allah make His commandments clear to men that they may become secure against evil. (2: 184- 188)

SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH, PEACE BE ON HIM

Hazrat Maulvi Abdul Karim requested the Promised Messiah, peace be on him,to pray for a friend for the removal of his worries and anxieties from his heart.On that he replied: 'I have prayed much and pray regularly.But I am concerned also with the fact that every body is engrossed in the worldly affairs.When will they find time for the worries of Religion? Troubles do come in this world, and in this limited period of human life man is the target of one accident or the other.If man's spirit remains in agony for his untowardly affairs, when that pure occasion will come when he will have the only worry for his religion?The members of the Jamaat who pledge while initiating that they will prefer religion to the world,if they are trapped in the same marsh ,day and night,then at what time they will pay attention to fulfil this delicate pledge? I can swear that since I came into my senses I never involved myself in worldly worries.When I was 15 years old I said to a Kshatri(Hindu) who was relating his bitter experiences and failures to my father and was bewailing,"Why the people bore so much pain for the world and were engrossed in its worries?" To this he replied,"You are still a child, but when you will grow up you will realize these things." Afterwards when I was 40 years old I met him by chance and asked him whether he thought him presently adult or not.On that he said,'You are the same'.So a man should peep into his mind as to what kind of worries are weighing more on his heart-worldly or religious?If all the time his

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heart inclines to the worldly affairs he should be more worried and mindful then, as it appears from the Divine words that even the prayers of such person are not accepted." (Malfuzat Vol. VII pp.391, 392)

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EXCERPTS FROM THE SERMONS OF HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III addressed the 16th Educational Class of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Central, At Rabwah, on July 11, 1969, and said after the recitation of Ch. Fateha: "Dear children, you know that a master expects from his servant to perform the entrusted duty well. He wants to see him clean and tidy. Again those masters who are wealthier can care for their servants more than those who have less money. Similarly you are the servants of Allah and His religion. He has put great responsibilities upon you and upon me as well, as I am also his humble servant. Worldly masters expect only external cleanliness from their servants, but our Allah expects both external and internal ones. Again he who is the servant of Allah is the servant of His whole creatures including animals and inanimate things. For example He asked us to be His servants and that of the trees as well, i.e. not to cut the fruit bearing trees nor their branches. Rather we should try to care & help for the growth of them and of mankind. Once the Holy Prophet, peace be on him and his companions had to cut trees in a battle. God gave to it such an importance as He mentioned it in the Holy Quran that they were cut according to His commands. Thus He pointed out that he did because of His orders. Again We have to serve the roads as well. The Holy Prophet, peace be on him, advised to remove the injurious and troublesome things from the way. Some people throw the peelings of melons, of bananas or mangoes on the road. Thus sometimes they cause slipping. The possibility is to cause damage and break bone of someone. If that happens because of anyone of us, what will he say to God as he neglected this duty towards mankind?

Moreover as Allah has created every thing for the benefit of mankind so that he may try to be grateful to Him, He, therefore, asked us to serve man and mankind more than anything else. That is why most of the commandments in the Holy Quran & the Holy Prophet's examples are, directly or indirectly, pointing towards the service of mankind. In this service Allah has not distinguished between a believer and an unbeliever. We have to serve them both irrespective of their religion.

So it is a great blessing of Allah that He took us as His servants. If we fulfill the requirements of the service He will reward us a reward that is better than any thing of this world, howsoever valuable that may be. May Allah, out of His sheer Mercy grant us power to fulfill our obligations sincerely and serve the mankind in the best possible way so that we may be considered from among His servants and may receive His special favors, graces and love! Ameen."

On Friday, September 12, 1969, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, in his Jumu'ah sermon said that this desire was created in his mind very acutely that the first 17 verses of 2nd Chapter (Baqarah) be remembered by heart by all the members, be they men or women, old or young. They should learn their meanings and later on their commentary and then keep their significance present in their minds. Seeing the zeal and enthusiasm and love for religion of all the members Hazrat hoped that they would obey him and fulfill his this demand, born of the depth of his heart, and remember these verses by heart.

In these verses the Holy Prophet, peace be on him, and the Holy Quran, the most comprehensive law, have been mentioned. Allah says that as a result of Divine manifestation in his person the world will be divided in three groups. The first group will be of those who will believe in him sincerely and earnestly. They will be ready to sacrifice their uttermost abilities and God-given faculties. They will try to enlighten all the world with the Divine light. They will also believe in the unseen and in the prophecies as if they were already fulfilled. They will strive on in His path continuously. The second group will be of those disbelievers who will lose all the abilities granted by God. They will not see in spite of eyes and will not hear in spite of ears. As a result Allah will set a seal on their hearts. The third group will be of those who will claim to be believers in

Allah and the last day, but in reality they will be false in their claim. As these hypocrites were more harmful Allah has made their mention in detail. After relating their qualities and characteristics He has warned the believers to be always cautious of their tactics.

Hazrat, therefore, asked every member, male or female, old or young, to remember these 17 verses so that all of us may remain safe from their plots and may not be deceived by them as they cannot deceive Allah.

RABWAH'S NEWS

1. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III is now back in Rabwah and by the Grace of Allah he is faring well. Members are requested to keep on praying for his complete health and long long life.

2. Former missionary of America Ch. Ghulam Yaseen and Maulvi Muhammad Sadiq left Rabwah on September 24 to preach in Far East. Maulvi Maqbool Ahmad Zabeeh and Syed Mansoor Ahmad left Rabwah on September 21 and reached safely Sierra Leone for preaching. May Allah enable them all to serve Islam in the best way!

3. We announce with profound grief the death of Sardar Abdul Hamid, Audit Officer, Railway, who passed away on September 25. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon. He was a companion of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him. Apart from other services which he rendered in different capacities he published the sermons of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I in two volumes. May Allah grant him high stages in Paradise and grant patience to the bereaved family.

4. All Pakistan Kabaddi Tournament held under the auspices of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Central ended successfully. Apart from Rabwah teams thirteen teams from Lahore, Lyallpur, Surgodha, Sialkot, Wazirabad and Jhang participated. In club Section the team of Railway was declared the Champion and the Rabwah team the runner up. In this tournament the famous players participated.

THE SACRED MONTH OF RAMADHAN

The sacred month of Ramadhan is approaching. We will start, Insha Allah, fasts on November 11, 1969, this year. The time of fasting begins at dawn and lasts till sunset. Allah says in the Holy Quran: "Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may attain to righteousness." (2:184) As a result we should resolve from now on to avail this opportunity and to attain to righteousness. During fasting a Muslim is enjoined to abstain from drinking, eating, smoking and sexual intercourse, i.e. from dawn to sunset.

Fasting is obligatory for every sane adult Muslim, man or woman, excepting a person who is sick or on journey or who is too old to keep the fasts, or pregnant or suckling woman. Those who are sick temporarily or on journey shall fast the same number of other days. But those who cannot fast throughout the year shall expiate. They are expected to arrange for the food of some needy person as a compensation-similar food which they eat themselves, or they may pay its price.

The Holy Prophet, peace be on him, says:

"He who abstains from food and drink during the period of fasting but does not strive to safeguard himself against moral lapses, starves to no purpose."

In other words a Muslim who leaves even lawful things for the sake of God shall try his best to abstain from prohibited things altogether. By experiencing the pangs of hunger and thirst personally he shall have sympathetic feelings towards the needy ones. He shall be generous and shall try to alleviate their sufferings by all the means at his disposal.

During this sacred month a Muslim is expected to sacrifice his legitimate rights for the sake of Allah, to pass his time in recitation of the Holy Quran, in remembering Allah, in saying tahajjud prayers (before dawn), in giving alms to the poor, in purifying his heart from worldly desires and in invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

The Holy Prophet was assured by God Himself that the ultimate reward of fast-

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ing for the sake of Allah only is He Himself. We should, therefore, try our best to achieve this reward by fasting in the month of Ramadhan and by bringing in ourselves a moral and spiritual transformation, May Allah grant us power and strength to do so and may the Eid Festival see us really happy on account of our becoming His beloved servants!

Sunrise and sunset times can be seen in local newspapers. Dawn starts approximately one hour and forty minutes before sunrise. One should finish eating before dawn.

ACCOUNT OF CONVENTION OF 1969

Last month detail of Expenditure was given in Ahmadiyya Gazette. Now the detail of income is being given herewith:

New York Mission :	100.00	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	
Pittsburgh " :	75.00	Br. Abdul Aziz, Baltimore	5.00
Louisville Mission:	30.00	Br. Ahmad Saeed:	6.00
Indianapolis Mission:	20.00	Br. S. B. A. S. Qaderi	3.00
Baltimore Mission	40.00	Dr. Q. M. Barkatullah:	25.00
St. Louis Mission:	60.00	Br. Munir A. Rasheed:	6.00
Detroit Mission:	30.00	Dr. Laeeq Ahmad	10.00
Cleveland Mission:	40.00	Sis. Saeeda Lateef:	10.00
Chicago Mission	60.00	Total:	<u>642.00</u>
Washington Mission:	40.00	Dayton Mission: \$40.00	was asked to pay
Boston Mission, By M Sadiq:	7.00	bills of Gas and Light and repair of the	Mosque.
Waukegan Mission:	35.00		
Milwaukee Mission:	40.00		

THE DESECRATION OF THE MOSQUE "AL-AQSA"

The desecration and burning of the Mosque "Al-Aqsa"- the Mosque which is considered very sacred and holy by all the Muslims- is an event that causes no doubt profound grief, sorrow and anger in our minds. It is in fact an attack on spiritual values and a crime against religion. It is also a challenge to the Muslim World. The Jews blinded by their power are provoking the Muslims. But such acts do not flourish long. The history proves that those who demolish the places of worship of any people are punished by God. The Holy Quran says:

"And if Allah did not repel some people by means of others, there would surely have been destroyed cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of Allah is oft commemorated. And Allah will surely help one who helps Him. Allah is indeed Powerful, Mighty." (22: 41)

As the verse refers the need of the hour is to be the Helpers of Allah and His cause, and to realize that the strength of the Muslims lies in coming under His yoke and Protection. God says: "O ye who believe! be steadfast and strive to excel in steadfastness and be on your guard and fear Allah that you may prosper." (3:201) Here Muslims are informed of five requisites of success. (1) They should be patient and steadfast. (2) They should show this patience and steadfastness more than their enemy (3) They should dedicate their services to the religion and the Community (4) They should be ever ready at the frontiers to defend themselves. (5) Lastly they should lead their lives of righteousness and fearing their Allah. If they abide by this teaching the success is theirs. May Allah open their eyes and enable them to practice this teaching which is the panacea for their ills.

NEWS OF AHMADIYYA MISSIONS IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Br. Abdur Rahman Khan Bengalee, former missionary-in-Charge has come back again to America on October 19, 1969. May Allah enable him to serve the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat in the best way!
2. We announce with profound grief and sorrow the death of Murid Khalil Ahmad son of Br. Rashid Ahmad, St. Louis. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon. He was his elder brother. We pray that Allah may grant him Paradise and the bereaved family patience.

and rewards from Himself.

3. The following missions have held their elections. The Chief Missionary has informed the respective missions of the approval. The following will be the Ameer of their respective missions:

(a) Washington, D.C.: Br. Muhammad Ameen (b) New York: Br. Bashir Afzal (c) Baltimore: Br. Abdul Hafeez (d) Dayton: Br. Muhammad Qasim (e) Chicago: Br. Abdul Karim (f) Cleveland: Br. Ahmad Wasim.

4. Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya's Majlis 'aamilah (Executive Committee) met at Washington, D.C. on October 5, 1969. The meeting was called by the elected Qaid Br. Munir Hamid. Various office-holders and members participated from different parts of America. Program for the coming year was submitted to the members, who put forward their suggestions as to how it should be carried on. Later on the Executive Committee met separately to arrive at certain decisions. The program will be submitted to the Chief Missionary for the final approval. May Allah enable all Khuddam to fulfill the aims of the Majlis!

5. NEW YORK MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday meetings were held regularly. Office-holders of Jamaat, Ansarullah, Lajna Imaullah and Khuddam were elected.

6. St. Louis MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday meetings were held regularly. The Chief Missionary visited St. Louis mission and two meetings were held in his presence, one on Saturday evening and the other on Sunday. He exhorted the members to be active and to serve the Cause of Islam. Lajna and Khuddam have elected their office-holders.

7. PITTSBURGH MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday meetings were held regularly. Lajna Imaullah has held the election.

8. CHICAGO MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday meetings were held regularly. On Sundays members were taught as to how they should recite the Holy Quran. Jamaat and Lajna have elected their office bearers.

9. BALTIMORE MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday meetings were held. Election of Jamaat's office-bearers was made.

10. CLEVELAND MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday Meetings were held regularly. Jamaat, Lajna Imaullah and Khuddam elected their office-holders.

11. MILWAUKEE MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday meetings were held regularly. Br. Wajid Israfil continued to distribute handbills.

12. DAYTON MISSION: Jumu'ah services and Sunday meetings were held regularly. The elections of Jamaat, Lajna, Khuddam and Ansarullah took place. On Monday, October 13 a business meeting of office-holders was held in which they submitted their reports of the last month. Brothers went four times to distribute free literature and to sell books on the street. Thus they could sell the literature of \$52.00. The local Newspaper published the interview of the Chief Missionary along with his photograph with the caption of QURAN, PRAYER THE KEYS TO FAITHFUL. The brothers brought to the meetings their friends along with them for preaching. Arabic class was held every evening. Five brothers went to Washington to participate in the meeting of Khuddam. Two sick persons were visited by the members. Sis. Maryam Johnson was hospitalised on October 13 for high blood pressure. Members are requested to pray for her speedy and complete recovery.

14. BAI'AT: BY the grace of Allah this month three persons joined the Movement- one from Dayton, one from New York and one from Bangor, Mass. May Allah bless them all and grant them steadfastness!

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

1. FAZLI CMAR FOUNDATION PLEDGES: The deadline has expired already on September 30, 1969. Those who have not paid all the dues up till now should try to pay forthwith, or they should apply to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III through the Missionary in Charge for the permission to pay later on upto the fixed period.
2. TAHRIKI JADID PLEDGES: This is the last month of these pledges. All members are requested to pay all dues this month.

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TAHRIKI JADID PLEDGES FOR THE NEW YEAR: On November 1, 1969 , the new year of Tahriki Jadid will start. The Ameers are requested to start taking the pledges for the next year by that time.

3. Recitation of the Holy Quran: Every Ameer is requested to see that every member knows recitation of the Holy Quran, tries to learn its translation and then Commentary. Arrangements should be made to achieve that end.

4. MUSLIM SUNRISE AND CALENDAR, 1970: All Ameers are requested to send their price to Washington, D.C. as early as possible.

5. TEACHINGS OF ISLAM: Many missions still owe the price of the copies of this book. Ameers should try to send it at the earliest. Jazakumullah!

6. ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY: written by former missionary Major Abdul Hamid, can be had from our Washington Mission for \$3.75 only.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Members are requested to be regular in their Subscriptions of the month, of Wasiyyat, of Tahriki Jadid, of Waqfi Jadid, or other pledges they have made. Jazakumullah!

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

9. TO FACILITATE THE DEPOSIT of the amounts received at Washington, D.C. all the Ameers, Financial Secretaries, and individuals are reminded again that we have two accounts in Bank- Main account and Special account. Therefore the monthly Subscriptions, Wasiyyat, Tahriki Jadid, Zakat, Sadaqa, Eid fund and Fitrana, and Muslim sunrise items should be sent for the Main account and their checks should be different from all the other items, for which a separate check should be sent. The items for the Special Account are Fazli Omar Foundation, Ahmadiyya Gazette, Convention, Ansarullah, Khuddamal Ahmadiyya, Waqfi Jadid, Qadian Fund, Calendars, Books and Literature, Review of Religions, Muslim Herald, Tahriki Jadid Monthly paper, or any other item not mentioned in the Main account's list. The checks of both accounts should be issued separately and they should not be mixed.

MY DEAR MEMBERS FAREWELL

My dear members, farewell

May you always fare well !

May you live long and happy!

May you hold Divine key !

Ease and Comfort you receive!

All the blessings you achieve!

I will carry you in mind

As you were very kind

Thanks to those who cooperated

Thanks to those who propagated

Thanks to those who venerated

Thanks to those who tolerated

Maqbool requests all who love him

To pray to his God above him

For his forgiveness and pardon

Salvation, Heaven and Garden

(Maqbool Ahmad Qureshi)

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