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#### THE WORD OF GOD

"The similitude of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like the similitude of a grain of corn which grows seven ears, in each ear a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies it further for whomsoever He pleases and Allah is Bountiful, All-Knowing. They who spend their wealth in the way of Allah, then follow not up what they have spent with taunt or injury; for them is their reward with their lord, and they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve. A kind word and forgiveness are better than charity followed by injury. And Allah is Self-Sufficient, Forbearing. O ye who believe! render not vain your alms by reproach and injury like him who spends his wealth to be seen of men, and he believes not in Allah and the Last Day. His case is like the case of a smooth rock covered with earth, on which heavy rain falls, leaving it bare and hard. They shall not secure aught of what they earn. And Allah guides not the disbelieving people. And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allah and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain sufficies. And Allah sees what you do ... O ye who believe! spend of the good things that you have earned and of what We produce for you from the earth; and seek not what is bad that you may spend out of it when you would not take it yourselves except that you connive at it. And know that Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. Satan threatens you with poverty and enjoins upon you what is foul, whereas Allah promises you forgiveness from Himself and bounty. And Allah is Bountiful, All-Knowing."

(The Holy Quran 2:262-269)

#### THE PROMISED MESSIAH ON CHANDA OR SUBSCRIPTION

"Let every member of our Jamaat make a pledge that he would regularly pay a certain amount as subscription. Allah the Exalted blesses the sustenance of the person who makes a pledge for His sake . . . . There are many who are unaware of the collection of subscriptions. Such people must be advised that if they had true relationship they should make a covenant with God the Exalted that they will pay regularly a certain amount as subscription. The ignorants should also be advised that they should render complete obedience. If they cannot make even this pledge then what is the use of their calling themselves the members of this community . . . .

"So, If any one refuses to make this pledge he should be excommunicated. He is a hypocrite and his heart is darkened . . . . This covenant is with God and it must be honored, and to go against it is an act of treachary . . . .

"Hence, I stress upon everyone of you whether present here or not to keep your brethren informed of (the importance of) subscription. Urge even those who lack in resources to pay subscription. Such an opportunity will never come again. What a blessed period is this that none is asked to sacrifise his life. This is an age, not of sacrifising lives, but only of spending wealth in accordance with one's capacity....

"The person who pays modest amount but does so regularly is better than the one who offers more but only occasionally.

"And the entire community must see that all types of help is rendered to this Movement. There should not be any laxity in assisting the Movement financially. Take note of the fact that there is not a single Movement in the world which can run without subscription. The subscriptions were collected during the periods of the Holy Prophet, Hazrat Moses and Hazrat Isa and all other Messangers. Hence, it is essential for the people of our Jamaat to be watchful in this respect....

"What can we expect from a person who does not assist this Movement according to his capability with a few cents, and how does the Movement benefit from his memberhsip. An ordinary man however impoverished he might be when he goes to the market he does take something for himself and his children in accordance with his financial position. Then what about this Movement which has been established by God the Exalted with magnificent objectives. Is it not worthy enough for expenditure of a few cents. Has there ever been or is there any Movement in the world now—whether secular or spiritual, which can run without finance . . . .

"There are some who make pledge of alligiance and solemnly promise that they would give precedence to the religion over the worldly affairs, yet when the need arises they maintain a tight grip on their pockets. Can anyone achieve any religious objective with such ardent love of the world? Can the membership of these people ever benefit the Movement? Never. Never. Allah the Exalted says: LAN TANALOL BIRRA HATTA TUNFIQOO MIMMA TOHIBBOON—As long as you do not sacrifise your most cherished possessions in the path of Allah the Exalted you cannot achieve virtue.

(MALFOOZAAT HAZRAT MASIH MAUOOD—Pronouncements of the Promised Messiah, Vol. 6, pp. 38-43)

EDITORIAL

#### MAN IS CREATED WITH THE BEST CAPACITIES

It is an established fact that it is always the will to do something that decides the career of individuals and nations. One has to encounter great trials and difficulties before one attains success. And it is through strong conviction and a resolute will that a man takes heart to face the sufferings which befall him on his way to his appointed goal. A weak man might lose heart and gradually forget that as a human being he had been endowed with powers to achieve something great.

Islam not only warns against disappointment but encourages mankind that every man has been endowed with excellent faculties. The Holy Quran says:

"We have created man with the best capacities." (95:5)

In this verse every person is exhorted to attain to perfection as he has been given qualities to reach the highest pinnacles of progress. Success is not the monopoly of one man or one nation. An essential element in the effort toward achievement of moral and spiritual excellence is the certainty that however low a person may have fallen, it is always possible for him to rise.

Islam teaches that man has been endowed with a pure nature. The Holy Quran says that God has created mankind in accord with the nature designed by Him (30:31). The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) is reported to have said: "Every child is born in accord with a pure nature endowed upon him by God."

No doubt that each person is subject to influences of heredity, upbringing and environment, yet these can, where necessary, be corrected or eliminated. Evil comes from outside and can be kept out or having entered can be discarded. There is no room for despair. The Holy Quran says:

"O My servants, who have committed excesses against their own souls, despair not of the Mercy of Allah; surely, Allah forgives all

#### GIST OF FRIDAY SERMONS:

1. Hazrat Ameerul Momineen Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III in his Friday sermon delivered on October 12, at Masjid Aqsa Rabwah, Pakistan, spoke on SABR—patience. Elucidating the Quranic teachings on this subject, Khalifatul Masih remarked, that SABR is such a basic trait which has a deep connection with all the commandments and prohibitions. SABR means to check oneself from all those things which are against the demands of reason, nature and the commandments of Shariat—Law. Again, it also connotes to stop oneself from violating those commandments of God which He has enjoined upon us.

In this regard, Khalifatul Masih referred to the following verses of the Holy Quran:

- 1. FASBIR INNA WA'ADALLAHI HAQQUN WA LAA YASTAKHIF-FANNA KALLADHEEN LAA YOOQINOON—So be thou patient. Surely the Promise of Allah is true; and let not those who have no certainty of faith hold thee in light estimation so as to move thee from the stand thou hast taken. 30:61
- 2. FASBIR INNA WA'ADALLAHI HAQQUN WASTAGHFIR LI DHAN-BIKA WA SABBIH BI HAMDI RABBIKA BIL ASHIYYI WAL IBKAAR—So have patience. Surely the promise of Allah is true. And ask for forgiveness for them for the wrong they have done thee and glorify thy Lord with His praise in the evening and in the morning. 40:46

Commenting upon these verses Khalifatul Masih described eight aspects of the Quranic teachings regarding SABR—patience:

- 1. To exercise patience on every occasion and at each stage of life. There is no stage in life where Islam teaches impatience.
- 2. God the Exalted has promised that whosoever will exercise patience he would be treated in accordance with God's promises, however, it is not in the hands of man to fix the time and the place for the fulfillment of those promises.
- 3. Man has been assured that under all circumstances the promise of God will come to pass.
  - 4. There are those who do not believe in Allah nor in His promises.
- 5. People will try to shift you from your stance of patience by deception. Nevertheless, man should make note of the fact, that despite the efforts of the man the promises of God will certainly be fulfilled.
- 6. Man has been cautioned to be on guard against those who try to remove him from his position of patience.
- 7. The Holy Quran has propounded certain principles to secure oneself from the machinations of thse peoples: (a) To adopt patience and steadfastness. (b) And to ask forgiveness from Allah.
- 8. Man cannot exercise patience nor can achieve steadfastness through his own efforts but rather through the Mercy and Grace of God. Hence, one should always engage himself in the glorification and priase of God. By the way, Khalifatul Masih remarked, that NAWAFIL—optional prayers or voluntary deeds are essential to achieve eminence in this presence of God. No doubt, by carrying out the obligatory commandments one secure himself against the displeasure of God yet the extremest love of God the Exalted cannot be acquired without NAWAFIL—optional prayers or voluntary deeds.

Prior to this, Khalifatul Masih mentioning his tour of Spain said, that during that tour he was given glad tidings by God the Exalted that this country where Muslims ruled for seven hundreds years and then this was emptied of all Muslims would be enveloped in the present universal Islam's dominance.

Concluding his sermon, Khalifatul Masih prayed, that may we acquire the Grace of God by adopting the path of patience and steadfastness.

2. In his Friday sermon on October 19, Khalifatul Masih directed the attention of the Jamaat towards the fundamental reality of the universe and that of human life,

that unless man attaches himself to God the Exalted he can neither achieve comfort and peace nor can man progress in the world.

Referring to various verses of the Holy Quran, Khalifatul Masih pointed out that the greatest means of acquiring this communion with God is prayer. God the Exalted says, turn to Him in each and every understanding of life and be ever attentive towards Him. He shall hear you. God the Exalted has said, that inspite of this exhortation, those who do not incline towards Him, do not put their trust in Him, and keep their hopes and trusts on others than Allah, and think that bribes, favourtism, looting and thousands of other defects are the means of progress are fools. All these who turn their backs to God become arrogants and enlist themselves in the progeny of Satan.

Shedding light upon the philosophy of the prayer, Khalifatul Masih remarked, that God the Exalted has said, ask everything of Him. The sphere of prayer not only encompasses the individual but also his family, his area, his country, the world, each age and every succeeding gneration. Hence, we should supplicate for all.

The basic contact regarding the communion with God cannot be traversed without prayer. Because, the more man advances in knowledge the greater is his relaization that he is still merely on the brink of the ocean of knowledge. The basic truth of human life is that he has the capacity to achieve the Mercy and grace of God, if he wishes to do so, he can attract the Grace of God. Hence, to achieve this goal he should adopt that path and plan of endeavour which the Holy Quran has disclosed.

Concluding his sermon, Khalifatul Masih prayed, that may we understand the basic reality of life, and consequently may Allah provide for us a condition of good and good alone. Ameen.

3. In his Friday sermon on November 9, Khalifatul Masih describing the commentary of verses 8-11 of Surah Al-Burooj (Chapter 85) mentioned four attributes of God the Exalted.

Khalifatul Masih said, God the Exalted is AZEEZ—the Almightly, HAMEED—the Praiseworthy, MALIK—the Master and SHAHEED—the Observer. When believers, Khalifatul Masih continued, imbue themselves with these attributes, according to their capacities, their opponents envying them, turn to their opposition and persecute them. They wish to humiliate the believers but God bestows honour upon them. They intend to weaken them, but God favour them with strength.

Describing the meanings of these attributes of God, Khalifatul Masih said, that AZEEZ connotes various interpretations, i.e. Owner of great power and dominance, beyond the approach of man's machinations, and fountainhead of all glories. All these manifestations of Divine Powers, Khalifatul Masih remarked, draw the attention of man to priase God.

Explaining the meaning of the HAMEED attribute of God, Hazoor said, praise is given either due to beauty or due to beneficence. Allah has been described as NOORUS SAMAAWAATI WAL ARDHI—the light of the heavens and the earth. Hence, whoever will become the reflection of this attribute and follow the footsteps of Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) the greatest benefactor of the world, he will be certainly praised by the world.

Describing the MALIK—the Master attribute of God the Exalted, Hazoor said, the ownership in the real sense belongs only to Him, and man has not fashioned anything. And God is SHAHEED—Observer, it means there is nothing which is beyond His knowledge.

Hazoor said, the Jamaat which colours itself with these attributes is persecuted by the opponents, but the Jamaat of the believers bears these suffereings. God has given glad tidings to this Jamaat, that He will reward them in accordance with their actions.

Hazoor prayed that may Allah bestow His Grace upon us, as well as upon humanity, as it has been encircled with pitch darknesses, worries and dangers. May Allah bestow His Grace and provide the means for their welfare. Ameen.

# DELEGATES TO JALSA SALANA

The following members have been blessed by God to participate in Jalsa Salana—Annual Gathering of Ahmadiyya Muslims at Rabwah Pakistan. They left New York on December 15, 1979:

- 1. Muzaffar Ahmad, Dayton, Ohio
- 2. Ali Raza, Kenosha, Wisconsin
- 3. Muhammad Sadiq, Teaneck, New Jersey
- 4. Abu Bakr, Racine, Wisconsin
- 5. Jamilur Rahman, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
- 6. A. Jalal Nurud Din, Racine, Wisconsin
- 7. Ahmad Khalid, Waukegan, Illinois
- 8. Hanif Ahmad, Waukegan, Illinois
- 9. Yusaf A. Latif, his wife
- 10. Tahira Latif, and their son
- 11. Yusaf Latif
- 12. Mustafa Sabit, Toranto, Canada
- 13. Attiyyatun Noor, Racine, Wisconsin
- 14. Fatimah Jawad, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 15. Nur Mohsana Baijea, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 16. Mubaraka Malik, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 17. Qadeera Sadiq, Waukegan, Illinois
- 18. Sharon Rena Lee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 19. Laeeqa Ahmad, Waukegan, Illinois
  20. Attiwwa Salahud Din Chicago
- 20. Attiyya Salahud Din, Chicago, Illinois
- 21. Silos Wood, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 22. Mrs. Silos Wood, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 23. Khalil Ahmad Nasir, New York
- 24. Mr. Zafar A. Chaudhri, New York
- 25. Mrs. Zafar A. Chaudhari, New York
- 26. Shamsul Haq
- 27. Tahira Zia
- 28. Dr. Shahid Ahmad
- 29. Mian Muhammad Akbar
- 30. Abdul Malik
- 31. Mrs. Abdul Malik
- 32. Dr. Hamid Azizur Rahman
- 33. Mrs. Ginette C. Rahman
- 34. B. L. Rahman

#### A SUCCESSFUL DEBATE

The Missionary-in-Charge, Mid-West Region, M. M. Ibrahim, had a successful debate with Prof. Dr. Woodberry at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Bannackburn, Deerfield, Ill., on the 15th of November, 1979, from 4 to 9:30 pm.

The basic beliefs which of the two scriptures, the Bible or the Quran, is reliable, distinctive features of Ahmadiyya Islam and Christianity, whether Jesus did or did not die on the cross were discussed by the representatives of Islam and Christianity in the presence of a large section of the Christian missionaries under training at the said central Christian institution.

The discussion opened with statements of their respective beliefs by the two contestants which were later supplemented. Arguments and counterarguments were heard with keenness and sobriety a hallmark of serious and religious minded people. The message of Islam and the reasons and proofs thereof were appreciated by the audience all of whom, including several renowned professors and their wives. enjoyed the unique event a regular debate on topics that divide the two great religions. Many students appreciated the soundness of the arguments presented by the Muslim Missionary and requested him to keep on enlightening them on Islamic beliefs.

#### TAHRIK-I-JADEED NEW YEAR ANNOUNCED

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III has launched the new year of TAHRIK-I-JADEED pledges for the 46th, 36th and 15th years in accordance with the periods the members participated in this blessed Scheme. Hence, the members are requested to expedite the payment of their last year's pledges (those who have not yet redeemed them) and the transmission of pledges for the new year to the Washington Headquarters at their earliest convenience.

The Presidents are requested to exhort the members to redeem their pledges of the last year, and ask them their pledges of the new year and forward them to the Washington Headquarters for onward transmission to

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III at the International Headquarters, Rabwah, Pakistan, MAHMUD AHMAD NASIR MISSIONARY-IN-CHARGE U.S.A.

# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORD "ISLAM" Ahmadiyya Movement

Among the great religions of the world, Islam enjoys the distinction of bearing a significant name, a name that points to its very essence.

The root meaning of the word "Islam" is to enter into peace, literally, to enter into peace through submission and surrender to the Supreme Being, and a Muslim is one who makes his peace with God and man. Peace with God implies complete submission to His will, and peace with man is not only to refrain from evil or injury to another but also to do good to him; and both of these ideas find expression in the Quran, the Eternal Revelation, as the true essence of the religion of Islam: "Nay: whoever submits (aslama) himself entirely to Allah and he is the doer of good to others, he has his reward from his Lord, and there is no fear for such, nor shall they grieve." (2:112)

Islam is thus, in its very inception, the religion of peace, and its two basic doctrines, the Unity of God and the Unity of the human race, afford positive proof of its being true to its name. All the physical forces of nature (atomic structure, nuclear energy, gravity, air pressure, heat energy, magnetic force, electricity, light, sound, earth, wind, fire, water, etc.) including all of the lower forms of life (cells, microbiological organisms, plants, trees, fish, reptiles, birds and mammals) up to and excluding the human being, obey what we call the laws of nature.

Simply, everything on this planet, the planet itself, the solar system, the galaxy, the Universe, the Cosmos, exists in a state of Islam, a state of peace and harmony, through submission to the Supreme Controller, the Lord of all the Worlds.

Thus, a human being who consciously and of his own free will, a unique faculty of the human race, submits himself to the Divine will and practices all of his commandments, is a Muslim.

and can reach the state of Islam. He who accepts the religion of Islam by declaring belief in the Oneness of God and the Holy Prophet Muhammad, the man who recieved the Eternal Revelation, is called a Muslim.

However, from this point one, it is enjoined upon him to strive in all earnestness to reach a state of perfect submission. Many people merely call themselves Muslims, but very few devote their lives to the cause of Islam, and to reaching that state.

from the Jet Stone News

Dayton, Ohio
Nov. 21, 1979

# JAMAAT ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Los Angeles, California:

Bimonthly meetings are conducted in which a Surah from the Holy Quran is recited and is explained in detail by the President of the Jamaat, Br. Rahmat Jamal. Speeches on different topics are also delivered by the members. Among the main speakers were Brs. Anwar Khan, Ibrahim Jawad and Aftab Ahmad Khan. Sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) and the writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) are also read to the members.

Eid-ul-Azhiya was celebrated on Wednesday, October 31st. 1979. Los Angeles Jamaat had the honour of having Maulvi Ata Ullah Kaleem, Missionary-in-Charge, West Coast Region, on this auspicious occasion. In his inspiring address. Maulvi Sahib explained the real meaning of Sacrifice and how we can make it a part of our daily life. He also stressed the importance of the religious education of the children and the duties and responsibilities of the parents towards the fulfillment of this goal. About 60 people attended the Eid prayer and listened to the Khutba in spite of the fact that it was not a holiday. A light refreshment was served with the cooperation of Laina Imaullah.

About 4,000 copies of a leaflet entitled "A Message of Peace and A Word of Warning" were distributed and mailed by the members.

Khuddamul Ahmadiyya held its meeting once a month. A more elaborate program is being worked out to make it an effective part of the Jamaat.

Mr. and Mrs. Naseer Ahmad Khan were blessed with a daughter.

#### Tucson, Arizona

The Jamaat celebrated Religious Founders Day by holding a meeting which was also attended by a number of Christians and Sikhs.

The meeting was inaugurated with the recitation of a portion from the Holy Quran, after which the President of the Jamaat, Muhammad Ishaq Qureshi, explained the purpose and importance of the day which is annually celebrated by the Ahmadiyya Community all over the world to pave the way for religious harmony among the followers of various creeds and faiths by paying tribute to their founders.

Among the speakers who addressed the meeting were Rev. Merl Gathers, Sant Singh, Muhammad Ishaq Qureshi, and Munir Ahmad Malik who spoke on the lives and teachings of Jesus Christ, Baba Guru Nanak, the Holy Prophet Muhammad and Hazrat Ahmad, respectively.

The non-Muslim participants showed keen interest in this sort of meeting and thanked the organizers for inviting them to this unique occasion. All the participants were served with light refreshments.

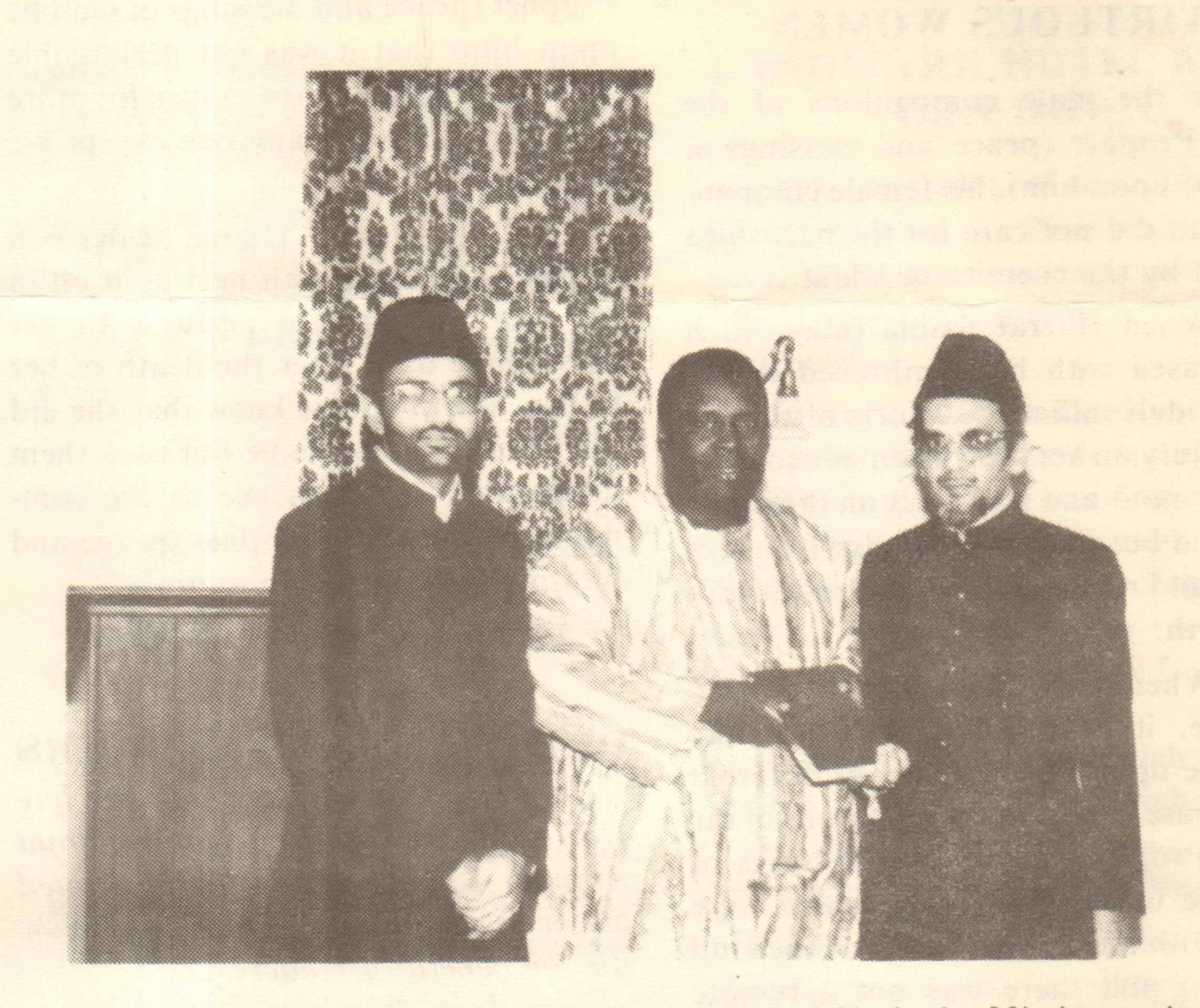
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sins. Verily, He is Most Forgiving. Merciful." (39:54)

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) warned emphatically against despair. He is reported to have said "He who says the people are ruined is the one who causes them to be ruined," meaning that a feeling of despair is the surest means of bringing about failure and ultimate ruin.

#### AMBASSADOR GETS QURAN



(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Seyyed Mahmud Ahmad Nasir the Missionary-in-Charge, Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, U.S.A. has presented a copy of the Holy Quran—Arabic text with English translation to H.E. Maki Koreissi Aguibou Tall the Ambassador of Mali. Picture shows the Ambassador receiving the Holy Quran. On the right side of the Ambassador is Maulvi M.A. Rashid Yahya, the Missionary for the South East region.

# SCIENTIST JOINS BELIEVERS, SAYS SHROUD WAS CHRIST'S

WOONSOCKET, R.I. (AP)-

The scientist who led the team that investigated the Shroud of Turin last year says evidence so far indicates the linen did in fact wrap the crucified body of Jesus Christ.

"We all thought that we'd find it was a forgery and would be packing up our bags in a half hour," said Thomas D'Muhala, president of Nuclear Technologies Corp. of Amston, Conn. "Instead, all of us who were there, at least all those I talked to, are convinced that the burden of proof has shifted. The burden is now on the skeptic."

D'Muhala said mounting circumstantial evidence suggests the three-dimensional image on the cloth is that of Jesus and was "projected" on the surface, perhaps by a burst of some kind of radiation emanating from all parts of the body in a two-thousandths-of-asecond flash.

Forty scientists went to Italy on Oct. 8, 1978, for six days of tests on the 14-by-3-foot shroud, which is locked in a silver casket by three different keys and stored in a crypt behind the main altar of the Turin cathedral.

The Roman Catholic Church, which has never taken an official stand on the origin of the relic, agreed to the tests providing they were not harmful to the linen.

D'Muhala said the scientists determined the man depicted on the cloth had been crucified, suffered a deep and bloody wound on his side, endured 120 lashes and numerous deep wounds around the head. Those wounds would correspond to the biblical account of the torture endured by Christ, he said.

D'Muhala, who spoke Saturday at the Woonsocket chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, said scientists who conducted the tests were guaranteed the right to be the first to release the results of their own experiments in scientific journals.

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#### LAJNA IMAULLAH

#### VIRTUOUS WOMEN

Like the male companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him), his female companions too did not care for the hardships caused by the enemies of Islam.

- 1. When Hazrat Samia (may Allah be pleased with her) embraced Islam, the infidels inflicted all sorts of torture and injury on her. She was made to wear iron armour and stand out on the burning sand but she did not budge from her stand and remained firm and resolute in her faith.
- 2. When an opponent or foe is in trouble, it is usually a time to take revenge upon him. But it was different in the case of the lady companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him). Their hearts were filled with the love of Allah and the kind Prophet and there was not a remote likelihood for them to bear such a feeling in their hearts.
- 3. In the early days of Islam, the lady companions of the kind Prophet passed their lives in a great economic stress. The sheet of the daughter of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessing of God be upon him) was so short that once when she wanted to cover herself from him in respect and modesty, she could not. When she would cover her head, her legs would get uncovered and when she would cover her legs, her head would remain uncovered. He waited there long and observed that throughout her act she had been crying getting tired of waiting. He went away to the market and came back to find her in the same position—reciting the same verse and crying.
- 4. The Kind Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) has fixed only three days for mourning on the death of a relative, with an exception in the case of a husband. The lady companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and the blessings of God be upon him) adhered strictly to this command. Accordingly, four days after the death of her brother, Hazrat Zainab Bint Jahsh (Allah be pleased with her) used perfume before many women who had come to condole the death of her brother. She said, "I do not need per-

fume but I have heard from the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him) that it was not permissible for a Muslim woman to mourn for more than three days for any one except the husband."

Similarly Hazrat Umme Habeebah (Allah be pleased with her) used oil in her hair and applied perfume to her dress three days after the death of her father. She of course knew that she did not need oil or perfume but used them deliberately in obedience to the command of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of God be upon him).

(To be continued Insha Allah.)

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

To a number of questions the late Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II dictated answers which are reproduced below for the benefit of readers.

Q: Do our souls exist independently of one another?

A: Every soul exists independently of others.

Q: Is spiritual heritage possible? In the majority of cases do men resemble their ancestors in physical form, gait, decorum and habits which are guided by soul?

A: The soul is not inherited but the body is; and as the soul manifests its capabilities through action done, it is natural, therefore, such defects as are developed in the body prove an impediment in the way of the manifestation of these faculties.

Q: Why do we grieve over the death of our kin and simply feel pity when other people die? Is this grief not due to the connection of souls with one another?

A: People not only grieve over the death of their relatives but are also grieved when some of their cattle such as horses and donkeys die, and they feel pity at every kind of loss others have sustained. This difference does not prove that the souls of relatives have any sort of connection with one another. Similarly we see that sometimes the death of a friend pains a man whereas that of a relative who is not on good terms with him causes no pain at all.

Q: Can life be prolonged or shortened?

A: Life can be prolonged or shortened.

Q: What is the connection of the soul with human fate? What purpose in life does a soul serve when it passes away in infancy?

A: The Islamic conception of fate is quite different from that generally held. It is for those people who hold fate to be irrevocable to answer this question. The souls of infants, lunatics and of those to whom truth did not reach or they heard of it when they had become too old to appreciate and understand it, will have another opportunity in the next world for the manifestation of their inborn faculties.

Q: Do souls visit this world after death and take any part in the life of their dear ones?

A: Souls sometimes maintain their connection with this world even after death. We do not believe in the migratory visit of the souls but we believe that they can and do establish communication with this world. But this happens only through permission of God under His special wisdom.

Q: Is a seance allowed by Islam?

A: Islam does not believe in the material seance. That is to say, it is possible to commune with the souls of the dead through the medium of God and it is quite impossible without it. All scenes seen without it are in fact a display of the subjective mind and are devoid of all reality.

#### GEMS OF WISDOM

Hazrat Ali the fourth Caliph (Allah be pleased with him) said:

The following six things are the tests of one's widsom:

1. To forbear in anger

2. To stand firm in danger

3. To follow moderation at the time of temptation

4. To be pious under all circumstances

5. To be on friendly terms with the people at large

6. And abstain from quarrelling with others.

#### ATFALUL AHMADIYYA

Q: Who is a Muslim?

A: All Ahmadies are Muslims. But young ones, did you ever consider the question "Who is a Muslim?" A Muslim is one who believes in these five basic points:

- 1. The Holy article (KALIMA): "There is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."
- 2. Angels of God.
- 2. All the Prophets of Allah are true.
- 4. All the Books of Allah are true.
- 5. The Final Pay-day (Judgment Day).

  Brief notes on each point:
- 1. The Holv Article (Kalima): When. we say God is one, it means He has no partner; nor is there any one like Him. He has all the beauties. He depends on nobody but all depends on Him. He lives and is ever-living. He made us and brought us up. After death we shall return to Him. He sent His Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) to show us the way to Him. May Allah bless him and his followers! 2. Angels of God: Angels were made by God. They are spiritual beings. They carry out the commands of Allah. They are free from sin. The four chief angels are: Gabriel, Michael, Israfeel, and Izraeel.
  - 3. Prophets of Allah: Prophets are the true and good servants of God. They are sent by Him to guide mankind. God always helps them. Muhammad (peace and blessings of God be upon him) was the chief of Prophets. He was KhatamanNabiyyin, the Seal of Prophets. He has no equal. He tops the list of all. Some of the leading prophets are Adam, Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Jesus. Peace of Allah be on them.
  - 4. Books of Allah: Allah sent many books for our good. These books were given to the Prophets. These books told men what they should do to please God. They also warned men not to do certain things which make God angry. It is important to believe in all the books. The well-known books are: the Torah, the Psalms, the Injeel and the Holy Quran. The Quran is the last Book of Allah. It is the perfect Book. It has canceled out all the former books. All their beauties are contained in the Holy

Quran. It is the best and the finest book.

The world can be guided aright now only by following this book.

5. The Final Pay-Day: After death we shall all return to God. He will pay us for all our deeds. If we did good, He will reward us. If we did evil He will punish

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#### PRAYERS OF A MUSLIM

1. On rising from sleep a Muslim is enjoined to say:

ALHAMDO LILLA HILLADHEE
AHYAANAA BA'ADA MAA
AMAATANAA WA ILAIHIN
NUSHOOR. All praise is due to God
Who raised us to life after He has caused
us to die, and to Him we have to return.

2. In the morning a Muslim is enjoined to say:

ASBAHNAA WA ASBAHAL MULKU LILLAHI WAL HAMDO LILLAHI LAA ILAHA ILLALLHU WAHDAHOO LAA SHAREEKA LAHOO LAHUL MULKO WA LAHUL HAMDU WA HUWA ALA KULLI SHAI IN QADEER RABBI AS'ALOKA KHAIRA MAA FEE HAADHAL YAOMI WA KHAIRA MAA BA'ADAHOO WA A'OOD-HUBIKA MIN SHARRI MAA FEE HADHAL YAOMI WA SHARRI MAA DA'ADAHOO. RABBI A'OODHUBIKA MINAL KASLI WA SOO IL KIBARI WAL KUFRI. RABBI A'OODHU BIKA MIN ADHAABIN FIN NAARI WA ADHABIN FIL QABRI.

Our morning and the morning of everything in the universe is for God, and all the praise is of God; there is none to be worshipped except Allah. He is One. He has no partner. His is the Kingdom and His the praise, and He is All-Powerful. O my God, I beg of Thee whatever is good in this day and whatever is good after it, and I seek Thy shelter against what is evil in it and after it. O my Lord I seek Thy shelter against laziness, distress of the old age, and disbelief. Save me from the chastisement of the fire and the Grave.

(To be continued INSHA ALLAH)

#### LANDMARK HOTEL BEING TORN DOWN

ZION, Ill. (UPI)—A two-year search for a buyer for the Zion Hotel, a religious landmark, was unsuccessful and the 77-year-old building is now being destroyed.

The Zion, which is listed in the U.S. register of historic places and is said to be the largest free-standing wooden structure in the country, was built in 1902 as a home for pilgrims of the Christian Catholic Church who traveled to Zion to live in a planned religious community.

Originally named the Elijah Hospice by Christian Catholic Church founder John Alexander Dowie, the hotel is owned by the Zion Park District.

Parks Director Chuck Paxton said the district looked for a buyer for two years, but finally it could no longer afford to maintain the structure, which covers an entire city block.

Wrecking crews moved in Monday to raze the building.

"We had to dispose of it in some way because it cost about \$50,000 each winter to heat it—we just didn't have the money to keep it up," Paxton said. "And we couldn't find a suitable buyer."

from the Dayton Daily News Nov. 14, 1979

#### CHRIST'S SHROUD

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Until those results are published, he said, project members are bound to confidentiality. He said some of the project's major and most startling finds are yet to be made public.

D'Muhala said none of the experiments shows evidence that the image was painted onto the cloth, as some persons trying to explain the shroud have suggested.

from the Dayton Daily News Nov. 20, 1979

### ISLAMIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION TO BE SET UP

London, Nov. 16:

The first Pakistani Nobel Laureate, Prof. Abdus Salam's proposal, made in 1973, to set up an Islamic science foundation, has reached fruition.

This proposal has gone through its initial stages of setting up the foundation at Jeddah, according to reliable sources. Sudanese Professor of Mathematics at Jeddah University, Dr. Saeed, who attended the meeting of the Foundation at Jeddah last week, met Prof. Salam at Trieste (Italy), and conveyed to him the news and asked for his "advice and blessings," for his brain child. Prof. Salam's proposal was accepted by the Islamic Summit held in February, 1974 at Lahore and attended by the representatives and heads of state of nearly all the Muslim countries.

Last night, Prof. Salam was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the director of the Islamic Cultural Centre and Regents Park (London) Mosque, Dr. Zaki Badawi.

The dinner was attended by some 20 ambassadors and high commissioners of Muslim countries including Pakistan ambassador Brig. F. R. Khan. The dinner was given at the Regents Park Mosque.

Paying high tribute to Prof. Salam for the singular honour he has brought to the Muslims and the Muslim world, the host, Dr. Badawi said: "For the Muslim scientists of the world, Prof. Salam by getting the Nobel Prize has broken the barrier which up until the other day stood between them and the Nobel Prize." Dr. Badawi hoped that

now the barrier has been broken many more Muslim scientists would be given this recognition and high honour for their works.

On Wednesday a luncheon was given by the Secretary-General of the Islamic Council of Europe, Mr. Salem Azzam, at which Prof. Salam was the guest of honour. This was attended by British scientists and British Muslims as well as other Muslims.

In the meanwhile, Prof. Salam has received messages of congratulation from the Algerian Minister of Science and Technology, Minister of Education, Libya, Dr. Mohammad Shamil and Dr. Juma of the Libyan Atomic Energy saying that Prof. Salam's achievemet is an honour for Islamic world.

(Dawn Saturday, November 17, 1979)

# KHALIFATUL MASIH'S HEALTH

According to the latest reports reaching us from Pakistan, Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III, is enjoying good health. Members are requested to continue praying for Hazur's health, and for the rapid progress of Islam under his dynamic leadership.

#### AHMADIYYA CENTENARY FUND

A decade remains to 1989—the year when Ahmadiyyat will have completed its first century. In 1889 the victory of Islam seemed a dream, but over the years that dream has been transformed into a reality. Only through prayers, efforts and sacrifices can the Movement march forward triumphantly. May Allah bless our prayers and make our efforts successful. Amen.

In 1973, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III launched the Jubilee Scheme to spread the message of Islam to the farthest corners of the earth and within a short period the promises made far outstripped the original budget by at least four times. Some of these promises have already borne fruit in the form of the Gotenborg Mosque at Sweden and the International Conference on the Deliverance of Jesus Christ from the Cross. Other plans for the scheme include establishing missionary centres in West and East Africa, France, Spain, Norway, Italy, Denmark, North and South America and the United Kingdom; and the publication of the Holy Quran and Islamic literature in all the principal languages of the world.

It is important that members should continue to pray for the success of the scheme with enthusiasm and fulfill their promises.

## KHALIFATUL MASIH'S TELEGRAM TO DR. SALAM

Hazrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad Khalifatul Masih III, sent a telegram congratulating Dr. Salam on his winning the 1979 Nobel Prize for Physics, in which he stated:

"All praise is due to Allah. Kindly accept on my behalf as well as the Jamaat our hearty congratulations. All Ahmadis and Pakistanis are proud of you. We are proud that the first Muslim scientist and Pakistani to receive the Nobel Prize is an Ahmadi. May Allah grant you more many honours in the future. May He continue to bless you."

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